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OF

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IN THE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1874.

PREPARED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF JOSHUA M. ADDEMAN, SEC. OF STATE,

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Providence, October 13, 1875. }

To the Honorable the General Assembly :

GENTLEMEN :— The Twenty-Second Annual Report upon the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths in Rhode Island is herewith presented.

This report has been prepared by Dr. Edward T. Caswell, and presents the vital statistics for the year ending December 31st, 1874, with the usual recapitulatory Tables and with additional comments.

The number of Births for the year was 6,466, or 444 more than in 1873; the number of Marriages 2,541, or 89 less than in 1873; and the number of Deaths 4,229, or 174 less than in 1873.

During the twenty-two years and six months since the commencement of the present system of Registration, i. e., from June 1st, 1852, to December 31st, 1873, the records in the whole State have been as follows: children born, 98,914; persons married, 83,246; persons died, 64,515; showing in the aggregate a record of the birth, marriage or death of 246,675 persons.

This report also includes an abstract of the returns of Divorces for the year 1874, from which it appears that there were 242 Divorces granted by the Supreme Court, or 69 more than in 1873.

In the preparation of this report the Census of 1875 has been used, as being more likely to furnish true statistical data, than the preceding Census of 1870.

I am happy to report that the returns for the year are more complete than they have been heretofore.

JOSHUA M. ADDEMAN,
Secretary of State.

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NOTE.

Since the last pages of this Report were printed, my attention has been drawn to the statement in the last line of page 98, relative to the mortality of the City of Newport. The presumption is, that the returns from Newport do not embrace the entire mortality, and that if all the deaths were systematically reported, the rate of the mortality, per 1,000 of the population, would be larger than represented.

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OF

Births, Marriages and Deaths,

IN

RHODE ISLAND,

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1874.

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General Abstract of Births, Marriages and Deaths,
IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, DURING THE YEAR
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	Population in 1873.	SEX.		PARENTAGE.		Whole Number.	NATIVITY.		SEX.	PARENT'GE.		Number of given Age.	Aggregate Average Age.		Aggregate Age of all.	Average Age of all.							
		Males.	Females.	American.	Foreign.		Am. male.	Am. female.		Am. male.	Am. female.		Males.	Females.			Males.	Females.					
																			Whole Number.	Foreign.	Am. male.	Am. female.	Whole Number.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Burrillville.....	5,249	125	58	67	34	74	5	12	8	5	74	39	35	977	1,130	25,053	32	20	2,107	28.47			
Cranston.....	5,688	111	62	49	40	56	9	6	19	14	3	62	54	36	61	1,650	38	13	3,985	34.96			
Cumberland.....	5,673	89	40	49	29	56	1	3	19	12	39	62	36	27	576	1,008	28	80	1,674	29.89			
East Providence.....	4,336	110	70	40	48	50	6	6	23	3	6	33	35	48	20	890	19	09	2,444	24.74			
Foster.....	1,643	9	4	5	9	.....	.....	.....	24	23	1	10	4	6	179	344	44	75	523	32.30
Glocester.....	2,088	42	21	21	31	9	1	1	22	19	28	13	22	19	8	617	30	09	1,477	36.12			
Johnston.....	4,999	101	55	46	45	7	4	17	9	4	2	97	59	38	50	1,551	28	46	2,783	28.74			
Laurens.....	11,565	385	186	179	94	13	32	76	42	19	5	175	83	92	131	2,920	15	58	3,341	19.09			
North Providence.....	1,303	39	12	27	22	14	1	2	6	4	1	34	22	16	11	484	30	82	1,390	35.79			
North Smithfield.....	2,797	57	36	21	13	41	1	3	26	19	6	1	36	21	15	524	508	24	1,423	31.17			
Pawtucket.....	18,464	554	301	253	197	292	42	63	209	92	80	14	23	109	116	4,309	28	80	7,657	33.88			
Scituate.....	4,240	82	40	42	56	17	5	4	54	49	3	2	58	24	6	1,263	35	75	3,273	31.21			
Smithfield.....	2,897	51	33	18	19	27	3	2	12	12	.....	25	16	9	50	327	31	81	828	33.87		
Woonsocket.....	13,576	362	198	194	74	272	20	26	169	64	76	17	12	267	123	144	357	21	43	6,737	23.87		
PROV. CO., TOWNS.....	84,249	2,127	1,116	1,011	713	1,137	114	163	753	397	243	46	67	1,292	646	646	624	643	17,288	19,000	26,850	30.44	
PROVIDENCE CITY.....	100,675	2,780	1,410	1,370	1,073	1,324	146	237	1,178	633	345	79	101	1,902	983	889	1,103	983	21,343	20,242	24,762	28.98	
Charlestown.....	1,654	21	11	10	17	8	1	.....	15	13	.....	22	11	11	11	483	560	43	905	51.45	
Exeter.....	1,355	17	6	11	17	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	1	1	11	8	368	50	72	46	40
Hopkinton.....	2,790	57	28	34	51	2	1	3	40	29	1	15	7	8	14	1	1	1	368	50			
North Kingstown.....	3,565	72	38	34	52	11	7	2	30	21	.....	50	23	43	7	788	924	49	25	38		
South Kingstown.....	4,240	99	49	50	24	9	2	4	37	31	.....	3	5	27	49	5	27	1,350	1,266	83		
Richmond.....	1,789	35	15	20	25	7	3	.....	17	16	1	25	14	11	21	1,350	1,304	50	40	38		
Westerly.....	5,408	119	62	57	56	49	6	8	59	49	6	70	32	38	31	415	360	29	04	28			
WASHINGTON CO.....	20,061	420	204	216	302	81	20	17	186	165	7	6	8	276	130	146	233	43	129	145	5,093	6,082	
COUNTIES.																							
Bristol.....	11,019	302	150	152	156	121	12	13	89	51	26	4	8	102	77	85	96	66	77	84	2,277	3,051	
Kent.....	20,348	390	204	184	183	157	21	19	161	107	40	9	208	139	130	185	84	138	130	145	4,431	4,162	
Newport.....	21,887	447	235	222	296	138	32	21	172	123	34	14	4	238	102	121	5,578	4,899	41	32	47	10,411	43,994
Providence.....	184,024	4,967	2,626	2,600	2,401	1,786	200	400	3,824	1,939	588	125	108	3,284	1,629	1,655	1,737	1,296	1,450	1,631	4,831	5,351	
Washington.....	20,061	420	204	216	302	81	20	17	186	165	7	6	8	276	130	146	233	43	129	145	5,093	6,082	
WHOLE STATE.....	258,239	6,466	3,411	3,157	2,757	2,948	345	470	2,541	1,495	685	154	167	4,229	2,111	2,118	2,282	1,947	2,103	2,111	56,010	59,882	
WHOLE STATE.....																							

TABLE II. BIRTHS, 1874.

Arranged by Months, Sexes, and Divisions of the State.

MONTHS.	SEX.	Whole State.	DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.					
			Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence Co.: Towns.	Providence City.	Washington Co.
January....	Males.	235	20	12	7	81	102	13
	Females.	231	11	11	12	82	103	12
	Total.	466	31	23	19	163	205	25
February....	Males.	259	11	15	20	96	102	15
	Females.	227	7	20	15	66	100	19
	Total.	486	18	35	35	162	202	34
March.	Males.	250	10	8	16	73	123	20
	Females.	283	15	12	24	83	128	21
	Total.	533	25	20	40	156	251	41
April.	Males.	225	5	19	18	72	99	12
	Females.	225	12	10	7	84	96	16
	Total.	450	17	29	25	156	195	28
May.	Males.	265	10	13	22	85	117	13
	Females.	239	14	12	13	88	94	18
	Total.	504	24	25	35	173	211	36
June.	Males.	318	18	19	17	100	147	17
	Females.	283	17	15	17	81	128	25
	Total.	601	35	34	34	181	275	42
July.	Males.	295	10	20	24	113	112	16
	Females.	280	18	15	18	78	126	25
	Total.	575	28	35	42	191	238	41

TABLE II. BIRTHS, 1874.—CONTINUED.

MONTHS.	SEX.	Whole State.	DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.					
			Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence Co.: Towns.	Providence City.	Washington Co.
August	Males.	285	6	21	25	97	122	14
	Females.	282	19	13	21	96	115	18
	Total.	567	25	34	46	193	237	32
September..	Males.	282	20	18	18	110	100	16
	Females.	258	7	27	20	93	94	17
	Total.	540	27	45	38	203	194	33
October	Males.	314	13	20	23	107	123	28
	Females.	280	13	10	31	83	125	18
	Total.	594	26	30	54	190	248	46
November..	Males.	277	18	19	13	93	119	15
	Females.	307	8	26	26	97	135	15
	Total.	584	26	45	39	190	254	30
December..	Males.	306	9	22	22	89	144	20
	Females.	260	11	13	18	80	126	12
	Total.	566	20	35	40	169	270	32
Whole Year.	Males.	3,311	150	206	225	1,116	1,410	204
	Females.	3,155	152	184	222	1,011	1,370	216
	Total.	6,466	302	390	447	2,127	2,780	420

TABLE III. PLURALITY BIRTHS, 1874.
ARRANGED BY MONTHS AND DIVISIONS OF THE STATE AND SHOWING THE NATIVITY OF THE PARENTS.

MONTHS.	Number of Cases.	SEX.	No. of Children.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence Co.: Towns.	Providence City.	Washington Co.	NATIVITY OF PARENTS.							
										American.	English.	German.	Irish.	Portuguese.	Am. father.	Irish mother.	Eng. father.
January.....	8	Males, Females, 6 10	1	..	..	4	2	1	1	5	1	1	..	..	..	1	..
February.....	5	Males, Females, 6 4	1	..	..	1	3	..	..	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	..
March.....	8	Males, Females, 7 9	..	..	..	4	4	..	..	2	2	..	4	..	..	..	..
April.....	8	Males, Females, 7 9	1	2	..	..	4	1	1	4	1	..	2	..	..	1	..
May.....	7	Males, Females, 6 8	..	..	..	2	4	1	1	..	2	..	4	..	..	1	..
June.....	5	Males, Females, 5 5	1	..	..	1	3	..	..	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
July.....	6	Males, Females, 7 5	..	2	..	..	4	..	..	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..
August.....	2	Males, Females, 1 3	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
September.....	1	Males, Females, 2 10	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
October.....	9	Males, Females, 8 7	..	..	..	3	6	..	..	4	1	..	3	..	..	..	1
November.....	8	Males, Females, 7 9	1	..	1	1	5	..	..	3	1	..	..	1	1	1	1
December.....	7	Males, Females, 8 6	..	..	..	1	5	1	1	1	..	1	4	..	1	..	..
Whole Year.....	74	Males, Females, 70 78	5	5	1	17	42	4	28	10	3	24	1	2	2	2	2

TABLE IV. MARRIAGES, 1874.

Arranged by Months and Divisions of the State.

MONTHS.	Number in whole State, 1874.	DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.						Number in whole State, 1873.
		Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence Co.: Towns.	Providence City.	Washington Co.	
January	215	10	9	11	75	93	17	257
February	181	6	4	13	62	87	9	223
March	132	3	7	9	39	56	18	129
First Quarter	528	19	20	33	176	236	44	609
April	188	9	6	9	58	95	11	202
May	226	11	18	8	57	113	19	212
June	200	6	20	13	52	101	8	239
Second Quarter	614	26	44	30	167	309	38	653
July	210	6	11	16	73	88	16	219
August	196	10	14	8	75	80	9	181
September	248	5	11	28	58	129	17	246
Third Quarter	654	21	36	52	206	297	42	646
October	246	10	17	14	58	129	18	233
November	283	7	23	29	88	114	22	299
December	216	6	21	16	58	93	22	190
Fourth Quarter	745	23	61	59	204	336	62	722
Whole Year	2,541	89	161	174	753	1,178	186	2,630

TABLE V. AGES OF PERSONS MARRIED, 1874.

AGES OF MEN.	AGES OF WOMEN.													Whole number of Males.
	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	Not Stated.	
Under 20.....	83	16	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	103
20 to 25.....	430	492	85	15	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1,027
25 to 30.....	112	333	205	23	12	2	..	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	690
30 to 35.....	30	65	105	63	20	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	289
35 to 40.....	5	44	41	32	24	9	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	156
40 to 45.....	1	9	28	17	29	10	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	98
45 to 50.....	5	3	12	12	10	10	11	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	64
50 to 55.....	1	2	2	5	8	9	5	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	37
55 to 60.....	.....	1	4	1	3	7	8	4	1	1	.....	.....	.....	30
60 to 65.....	.....	.....	2	.....	4	6	4	6	2	4	.....	.....	.....	28
65 to 70.....	.....	.....	1	1	..	3	1	..	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
70 to 75.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	4	..	1	..	.....	8
75 to 80.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Not Stated.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2
Whole No. Females..	667	965	489	170	112	61	37	15	6	11	..	1	7	2,541

TABLE VI.—DEATHS, 1874.

Arranged by Months, Sexes and Divisions of the State.

MONTHS.	SEX.	Whole State.	DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.					
			Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence Co., Towns.	Providence City.	Washington Co.
January.....	Males.....	183	9	6	13	57	89	9
	Females.....	168	10	13	11	53	67	14
	Total.....	351	19	19	24	110	156	23
February. ..	Males.....	142	12	7	10	50	56	7
	Females.....	164	7	2	13	45	86	11
	Total.....	306	19	9	23	95	142	18
March.....	Males.....	167	4	6	13	64	68	12
	Females.....	153	11	5	7	45	78	7
	Total.....	320	15	11	20	109	146	19
April.....	Males.....	181	6	14	11	48	92	10
	Females.....	203	8	12	9	62	98	14
	Total.....	384	14	26	20	110	190	24
May.....	Males.....	171	7	8	17	50	79	10
	Females.....	181	6	20	4	48	85	18
	Total.....	352	13	28	21	98	164	28
June.....	Males.....	149	4	12	10	45	74	4
	Females.....	160	3	5	7	55	78	12
	Total.....	309	7	17	17	100	152	16
July.....	Males.....	196	10	10	11	67	88	10
	Females.....	167	7	10	6	47	83	14
	Total.....	363	17	20	17	114	171	24
August.....	Males.....	210	5	17	13	61	102	12
	Females.....	226	4	16	11	73	107	15
	Total.....	436	9	33	24	134	209	27
September..	Males.....	206	2	15	17	54	99	19
	Females.....	180	6	13	7	59	77	18
	Total.....	386	8	28	24	113	176	37
October....	Males.....	174	7	15	8	52	78	14
	Females.....	185	11	14	10	57	83	10
	Total.....	359	18	29	18	109	161	24
November..	Males.....	157	4	13	5	49	77	9
	Females.....	167	5	13	7	62	74	6
	Total.....	324	9	26	12	111	151	15
December...	Males.....	175	7	16	8	49	81	14
	Females.....	164	7	7	10	40	93	7
	Total.....	339	14	23	18	89	174	21
Whole Year.	Males.....	2,111	77	139	136	646	983	130
	Females....	2,118	85	130	102	646	1,009	146
	Total.....	4,229	162	269	238	1,292	1,992	276

TABLE VII.—DEATHS, 1874.

Showing the Number of each Sex in each Period of Life in every Town

TOWNS AND DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.	POPULATION, 1875.		DEATHS, 1874.			Under 1 year.	1 and under 2.	2 and under 3.
	Whole Number.	SEX.	Per cent. to Population.	Whole Number.	Sex.			
Barrington	1,185	Males. . . 572 Females. 613	0.75	9	4 5	....	....	....
Bristol	5,829	Males. . . 2,747 Females. 3,082	1.62	95	46 49	15	1	4
Warren.....	4,005	Males. . . 1,823 Females. 2,182	1.44	58	27 31	4	1	2
BRISTOL COUNTY.	11,019	Males. . . 5,142 Females. 5,877	1.47	162	77 85	19	2	6
Coventry.....	4,580	Males. . . 2,173 Females. 2,407	1.24	57	29 28	6	2	2
East Greenwich.	3,120	Males. . . 1,508 Females. 1,612	1.85	58	28 30	5	2	2
West Greenwich.	1,034	Males. . . 516 Females. 518	1.64	17	9 8	1	....	....
Warwick	11,614	Males. . . 5,684 Females. 5,930	1.17	137	73 64	17	5	5
KENT COUNTY....	20,348	Males. . . 9,881 Females. 10,467	1.32	269	139 130	29	9	9
Jamestown.....	488	Males. . . 260 Females. 228	1.22	6	3 3	....	....	....
Little Compton..	1,156	Males. . . 556 Females. 600	1.64	19	11 8	....	....	1
Middletown.....	1,074	Males. . . 542 Females. 532	0.93	10	6 4	2	1	....
Newport.....	14,028	Males. . . 6,577 Females. 7,451	0.99	139	78 61	13	4	....
New Shoreham..	1,147	Males. . . 612 Females. 535	1.30	15	10 5	1	....	1
Portsmouth.....	1,893	Males. . . 988 Females. 905	1.37	26	12 14	....	....	1
Tiverton.....	2,101	Males. . . 1,078 Females. 1,023	1.09	23	16 7	3	1	....
NEWPORT COUNTY	21,887	Males. . . 10,613 Females. 11,274	1.08	238	136 102	19	6	3

TABLE VII.—DEATHS, 1874.

and Division of the State; also the Ratio of Deaths to Population.

3 and under 4.	4 and under 5.	5 and under 10.	10 and under 15.	15 and under 20.	20 and under 30.	30 and under 40.	40 and under 50.	50 and under 60.	60 and under 70.	70 and under 80.	80 and under 90.	90 and over.	Not Stated.
....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	1	1	....	....	....
....	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	1	....	1	....	1	....
1	....	3	3	1	4	2	1	2	5	4	....	....	....
....	....	5	....	....	1	6	3	3	3	3	....	2	1
....	1	1	....	2	3	1	1	3	3	....	5	....	....
....	1	1	1	2	3	1	4	....	3	4	2	....	....
1	1	4	3	3	7	4	3	5	9	5	5	....	....
....	1	6	1	3	5	7	7	4	6	8	10	2	1
....
1	....	1	....	2	3	....	....	2	2	6	2	....	....
1	....	1	1	1	3	....	1	3	2	4	2	2	....
1	....	2	....	1	....	2	2	4	1	2	3	....	1
1	....	6	1	....	1	2	2	2	2	4	3	....	....
....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	1	....	1	4	....	....
....	....	....	1	2	1	....	....	1	1	1	....	....	....
3	1	6	2	3	5	....	2	5	6	9	3	1	....
5	....	3	2	3	3	4	5	4	6	5	4	2	....
5	1	5	3	6	8	2	5	12	9	18	12	1	1
7	....	10	5	6	8	6	8	9	11	14	9	4	....
....
....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	....
....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	2	....	....	....
....	....	....	2	....	....	....	1	1	2	4	....	....	....
1	....	2	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	2	....	1	....
....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	....
....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	1	....	....
2	1	2	2	1	5	9	5	10	12	7	3	1	1
1	2	3	....	2	6	6	3	10	4	7	9	....	....
1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	2	3	1	....	....
....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	1	1	....
....	....	....	1	1	....	1	1	....	....	5	1	1	....
....	....	....	1	....	....	1	2	....	5	2	1	2	....
....	....	....	....	1	1	2	....	1	1	3	3	....	....
1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	2	1	1	....	....
3	2	2	5	4	7	12	8	13	17	24	8	2	1
3	2	5	1	4	7	8	7	10	11	16	13	4	....

TABLE VII.—DEATHS, 1874.—CONTINUED.

TOWNS AND DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.	POPULATION, 1875.		DEATHS, 1874.					
	Whole Number	SEX.	Per cent. to Popu- lation.	Whole Number.	Sex.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 2.	2 and under 3.
Burrillville.....	5,249	Males. . . 2,628 Females. . 2,621	1.40	74	39 35	11 6	2 6	1
Cranston	5,688	Males. . . 3,081 Females. . 2,607	2.03	116	62 54	6 7	5 3	2 4
Cumberland	5,673	Males. . . 2,793 Females. . 2,880	0.98	56	20 36	4 3	2 4	1 4
East Providence..	4,336	Males. . . 2,257 Females. . 2,079	1.56	68	33 35	15 5	2 4	........
Foster.....	1,543	Males. . . 788 Females. . 755	0.64	10	4 6	.... 1	.... ....	1
Glocester.....	2,098	Males. . . 1,086 Females. . 1,012	1.95	41	22 19	3 5	1	2 2
Johnston	4,999	Males. . . 2,521 Females. . 2,478	1.94	97	59 38	9 8	7 3	3 1
Lincoln.....	11,565	Males. . . 5,563 Females. . 6,002	1.51	175	83 92	31 21	10 14	2 7
North Providence	1,303	Males. . . 620 Females. . 683	2.99	39	22 17	1 4	1 1	2
North Smithfield.	2,797	Males. . . 1,350 Females. . 1,447	1.28	36	21 15	6 1	.... ....	2
Pawtucket	18,464	Males. . . 8,867 Females. . 9,597	1.24	230	118 112	29 22	6 7	5 6
Scituate	4,101	Males. . . 2,002 Females. . 2,099	1.41	58	24 34	3 2	3 5	1
Smithfield.....	2,857	Males. . . 1,363 Females. . 1,494	0.87	25	16 9	2 1	.... 1	1
Woonsocket.....	13,576	Males. . . 6,356 Females. . 7,220	1.96	267	123 144	46 25	10 17	6 2
PROV. CO., TOWNS	84,249	Males. . . 41,275 Females. . 42,974	1.53	1292	646 646	166 117	49 65	29 26
Providence City..	100,675	Males. . . 48,741 Females. . 51,934	1.97	1992	983 1009	210 193	82 94	46 38
Charlestown.....	1,054	Males. . . 534 Females. . 520	2.08	22	11 11	3 2	........	........
Exeter.....	1,355	Males. . . 702 Females. . 653	1.10	15	7 8	.... 1	........	........
Hopkinton.....	2,760	Males. . . 1,344 Females. . 1,416	1.44	40	16 24	.... 4	2 1	1
North Kingstown	3,505	Males. . . 1,709 Females. . 1,796	1.42	50	23 27	8 6	.... ....	2
South Kingstown	4,240	Males. . . 2,111 Females. . 2,129	1.27	54	27 27	3 2	.... 1	........
Richmond	1,739	Males. . . 845 Females. . 894	1.43	25	14 11	2 1	.... 1	1
Westerly	5,408	Males. . . 2,745 Females. . 2,663	1.29	70	32 38	6 4	4 1	.... 1
WASHINGTON Co..	20,061	Males. . . 9,990 Females. . 10,071	1.37	276	130 146	22 20	6 4	4 1

TABLE VII.—DEATHS, 1874.—CONTINUED.

3 and under 4.	4 and under 5.	5 and under 10.	10 and under 15.	15 and under 20.	20 and under 30.	30 and under 40.	40 and under 50.	50 and under 60.	60 and under 70.	70 and under 80.	80 and under 90.	90 and over.	Not Stated.
1	1	6	1	1	3	2	2	....	2	1	3	2	.....
...	1	2	1	2	4	....	1	1	1	7	3	....	.....
2	3	3	2	1	4	1	4	4	11	6	6	1	1
3	....	4	3	2	4	3	3	3	4	8	2	....	1
2	....	....	2	....	2	....	1	....	1	3	2	....	.....
1	1	2	1	....	4	2	4	2	2	4	2	....	.....
1	1	5	....	....	3	....	....	2	1	1	2	....	.....
1	1	6	1	3	2	2	1	4	1	2	2	....	.....
....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	.....
....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	1	1	1	.....
2	....	1	1	1	....	....	1	1	2	3	2	2	.....
....	....	1	....	1	....	4	....	1	1	1	3	....	.....
1	3	3	2	3	2	5	4	4	8	2	3	....	.....
1	2	3	....	....	4	5	2	2	2	3	1	1	.....
1	4	5	1	4	6	5	5	2	4	2	1	....	.....
6	3	5	....	3	2	8	6	3	3	6	2	3	.....
....	....	2	2	1	....	2	1	3	3	1	3	....	.....
....	1	....	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	....	....	.....
....	....	2	1	1	1	2	2	....	2	2	....	....	.....
....	....	3	....	2	2	....	1	1	1	1	3	....	.....
4	6	5	1	4	8	10	7	7	13	5	6	2	.....
3	2	2	2	2	18	9	10	6	12	7	3	1	.....
2	....	....	....	1	....	2	2	1	6	3	....	....	.....
2	....	2	....	....	2	1	5	3	6	3	1	1	1
....	2	1	1	....	1	2	2	....	1	2	1	....	.....
....	....	1	....	....	2	....	1	....	1	1	1	....	.....
5	....	4	5	1	10	5	6	6	1	13	3	2	.....
3	2	9	1	12	20	13	8	9	12	11	....	....	.....
21	20	38	19	18	40	36	37	30	55	44	33	10	1
20	13	40	10	28	66	49	43	38	48	56	24	7	2
33	38	61	18	28	88	78	92	74	69	43	20	3	.....
26	24	55	27	40	112	76	59	74	65	78	38	10	.....
....	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	2	3	....	.....
....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	2	1	....	4	....	.....
....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	2	1	3	....	....	.....
....	....	1	....	....	2	....	....	....	1	2	....	1	.....
....	....	....	....	....	1	1	2	2	2	1	4	....	.....
....	....	2	....	1	3	....	4	1	3	5	....	....	.....
....	1	1	....	....	1	....	1	4	....	4	1	....	.....
....	....	2	....	2	1	....	....	2	3	3	4	3	1
1	....	1	1	....	1	1	3	1	7	4	2	2	.....
....	....	....	2	3	2	1	2	1	4	3	5	1	.....
1	1	....	1	2	....	1	1	....	3	1	....	....	.....
1	....	....	....	2	2	....	2	....	1	1	....	....	.....
....	....	1	....	3	2	5	....	4	1	4	1	....	1
2	....	1	1	3	6	4	1	4	3	2	4	1	.....
2	2	4	2	6	5	9	7	14	14	19	11	2	1
3	1	6	3	11	16	5	10	10	16	16	17	6	1

TABLE VII.—DEATHS, 1874.—RECAPITULATION.

COUNTIES.	POPULATION, 1875.			DEATHS, 1874.					
	Whole Number.	SEX.		Per cent. to Population.	Whole Number.	Sex.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 2.	2 and under 3.
BRISTOL Co..	11,019	Males. . .	5,142	1.47	162	77	19	2	6
		Females.	5,877			85	18	5	1
KENT COUNTY.	20,348	Males. . .	9,881	1.32	269	139	29	9	9
		Females.	10,467			130	27	3	3
NEWPORT Co.	21,887	Males. . .	10,613	1.08	238	136	19	6	3
		Females.	11,274			102	6	3	2
PROV. Co. . . .	184,924	Males. . .	90,016	1.77	3284	1629	376	131	75
		Females.	94,908			1655	304	159	64
WASHING'N Co	20,061	Males. . .	9,990	1.37	276	130	22	6	4
		Females.	10,071			146	20	4	1
WHOLE STATE	258,239	Males. . .	125,642	1.63	4229	2111	465	154	97
		Females.	132,597			2118	375	174	71

TABLE VII.—DEATHS, 1874.—RECAPITULATION.

3 and under 4.	4 and under 5.	5 and under 10	10 and under 15.	15 and under 20.	20 and under 30.	30 and under 40.	40 and under 50.	50 and under 60.	60 and under 70.	70 and under 80.	80 and under 90.	90 and over.	Not Stated.
1	1	4	3	3	7	4	3	5	9	5	5	....	.....
....	1	6	1	3	5	7	4	4	6	8	10	2	1
5	1	9	3	6	8	2	5	12	9	18	12	1	1
7	....	10	5	6	8	6	8	9	11	14	9	4	.....
3	2	2	5	4	7	12	8	13	17	24	8	2	1
3	2	5	1	4	7	8	7	10	11	16	13	4	.....
54	58	99	37	46	128	114	129	104	124	87	53	13	1
46	37	95	37	68	178	125	102	112	113	134	62	17	2
2	2	4	2	6	5	9	7	14	14	19	11	2	1
3	1	6	3	11	16	5	10	10	16	16	17	6	1
65	64	118	50	65	155	141	152	148	173	153	89	18	4
59	41	122	47	92	214	151	134	145	157	188	111	33	4

TABLE VIII.—DEATHS, 1874.
Arranged Alphabetically; showing the Number of each Sex who died from each cause, in each Month of the year 1874; and also the Number of American and of Foreign Parentage from each cause.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	PARENTAGE.				WHOLE YEAR.															
	Am. For.		Totl.		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	M.	F.	Totl.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Totl.
Accidents, (various).....	17	8	25	3	2	3	2	3	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	2	21	4	25	
“ Burns and Scalds.....	5	18	23	2	1	1	1	2	3	3	2	1	2	2	2	2	15	8	23	
“ Drowning.....	17	22	39	3	1	3	1	1	6	1	4	6	2	1	1	2	35	4	39	
“ Falls.....	8	4	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	10	2	12	
“ Poisoning.....	1	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	5	
“ Railroad.....	1	15	16	2	2	5	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	16	10	26	
Abscess.....	11	7	18	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	8	10	18	
Anaemia.....	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	
Aneurism.....	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	
Apoplexy.....	50	20	70	3	4	5	3	1	2	2	4	6	2	3	7	1	36	34	70	
Asphyxia.....	4	2	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	6	
Asthma.....	10	10	20	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	7	15	
Bladder, Disease of.....	6	4	10	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	9	1	10	
“ Gravel and Calculus.....	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	4	1	5	
Bowels, Disease of.....	18	8	26	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	5	2	1	3	2	14	12	26	
Brain, Disease of.....	26	6	32	1	3	3	3	1	2	1	3	1	2	3	4	1	21	11	32	
“ Congestion of.....	14	20	34	1	3	3	3	2	4	1	1	6	1	2	1	2	18	16	34	
“ Inflammation of.....	13	11	24	1	2	2	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	16	8	24	
Bronchitis.....	12	27	39	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	1	2	2	1	3	22	17	39	
Cancer (various).....	42	10	52	2	3	3	3	4	4	3	2	1	2	3	4	1	16	36	52	
“ of Breast.....	5	1	6	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6	12	
“ of Stomach.....	11	6	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	7	10	17	
“ of Uterus.....	9	3	12	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	12	12	24	

TABLE VIII.—DEATHS, 1874.—CONCLUDED.

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TABLE IX.—CAUSES OF DEATH, 1874.—CONTINUED.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Under 1 year.		1 to 2.		3 to 5.		5 to 10.		10 to 15.		15 to 20.		20 to 30.		30 to 40.		40 to 50.		50 to 60.		60 to 70.		70 to 80 and over.		SEX.		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
Cancer of Stomach.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	2	6	1	1	..	710	17
“ of Uterus.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	3	1	3	..	..	..	..	12
Catarrh .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Child-Birth .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
“ Puerperal Convulsions.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
“ Puerperal Fever .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cholera Infantum	1093	3032	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
“ Morbus .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	2
Colic.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Consumption	1	8	7	4	5	4	2	3	..	3	22	31	55	86	44	53	41	38	34	27	15	17	11	13	4	..	242
Convulsions	2918	3	8	8	6	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Croup.....	11	6	9	7	17	6	2	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Debility.....	77	46	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	2	1	..	3	1	5	2	6	4	5	2	..	..
“ Birth Premature.....	14	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diabetes.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	5	..
Diarrhoea.....	18	17	4	5	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
“ Chronic.....	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diphtheria	4	1	4	2	9	13	10	11	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dropsy	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	3	2	2	2	3	6	4	..	3	..	..
“ of Chest.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dysentery.....	9	6	4	4	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Enteritis	1	8	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	2	2	4	3	1	3	2	..	..	2	1	..	..
Epilepsy.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	4	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Under 1 year.		1 to 2.		2 to 5.		5 to 10.		10 to 15.		15 to 20.		20 to 30.		30 to 40.		40 to 50.		50 to 60.		60 to 70.		70 to 80 and over.		Not stat'd.		SEX.			
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.		
	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.		
Rheumatism	23	11	32	41	11	80	53	69	11	16	9	1	4	2	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	9	22	
Scarlatina	4	5	3	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	231	231	462	
Scrofula	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	9	20	
Septicæmia	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	
Skin, Disease of	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	
Small Pox	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	5	8	
Spine, Disease of	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	6	11	
Spleen, Disease of	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Stomach, Disease of	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	14	31	
Inflammation of	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	8	
Suicide	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	4	18	
Syphilis	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	
" Congenital	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	
Tabes Mesenterica	16	10	5	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	
Teething	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	20	42	
Tetanus and Tris. Nascen	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	8	
Thrush	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	
Tuberculosis	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	13	21	
Tumor	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	18	26	
Ulcer	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	
Worms	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Uterus, Disease of	16	15	8	10	9	3	6	3	1	2	1	3	6	4	3	3	5	7	5	4	8	4	5	9	3	5	1	77	73	150
Unknown	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	
" Sudden	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	

TABLE X.—CLASSIFICATION AND PERCENTAGE, 1874.

Showing what part of the Mortality in the whole State, and in each Division, is ascribed to each several cause and class of causes.

DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.						PERCENTAGE IN EACH DIVISION.						
Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence Co.: Towns.	Providence City.	Washington Co.	CAUSES OF DEATH.	Percentage in the Whole State.	Providence City.	Providence Co.: Towns.	Newport County.	Kent County.	Bristol County.
162	269	238	1,292	1,992	276			4,229	All Causes.....
159	252	221	1,217	1,965	263	4,077	Specified Causes.....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
38	74	24	375	644	68	1,223	I. ZYMOTIC DISEASES.....	29.96	32.77	30.81	29.34	23.92
SPORADIC DISEASES.												
33	33	23	186	182	22	479	II. GENERAL, OR NOT LOCALIZED	11.73	8.36	15.28	13.09	20.71
26	26	44	129	240	23	488	III. NERVOUS SYSTEM.....	11.95	8.74	12.22	10.27	16.36
24	53	39	251	453	71	891	IV. RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.....	21.88	27.00	23.06	21.10	15.10
6	7	28	50	109	18	218	V. CIRCULATORY SYSTEM.....	5.33	6.85	5.54	4.11	12.67
9	14	8	77	98	11	217	VI. DIGESTIVE SYSTEM.....	5.32	4.18	4.99	6.33	3.62
6	5	4	14	53	3	85	VII. URINARY SYSTEM.....	2.10	1.14	2.70	1.15	1.80
1	3	4	15	22	2	47	VIII. GENERATIVE SYSTEM.....	1.14	.76	1.12	1.23	1.81
.....	6	2	13	13	3	37	IX. LOCOMOTIVE SYSTEM.....	.90	1.14	.67	1.07	.90
.....	.....	.....	4	2	.....	6	X. INCONTINENT SYSTEM.....	.14	.....	.10	.....	.....
14	20	29	61	71	28	223	XI. OLD AGE.....	5.46	10.65	3.61	5.01	13.12
3	17	17	75	27	13	163	XII. EXTERNAL CAUSES.....	4.00	5.32	3.97	3.45	7.24

I. ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

	4	12	5	84	134	26	265	6.49	9.89	6.82	6.90	2.26	4.76	2.51
....	1	1	...	2	3	2	Cholera Infantum.....	.20	.76	.15	.16	....	.39	....
....	10	1	24	29	29	1	8 Cholera Morbus.....	1.59	.38	1.48	1.97	.45	3.97	....
....	4	4	2	8	50	1	65 Croup.....	1.59	.38	2.54	.66	.91	1.59	....
2	11	4	15	20	7	59	65 Diarrhea.....	1.45	2.66	1.02	1.24	1.81	4.36	1.26
2	3	1	14	17	1	38	Diphtheria.....	.93	.38	.86	1.15	.45	1.19	1.26
....	....	2	8	11	2	23	Dysentery.....	.56	.76	.56	.66	.91	....	....
2	4	1	16	1	1	25	Erysipelas.....	.61	.38	.05	1.32	.45	1.59	1.26
....	....	....	....	2	1	4	Fever.....	.11	.38	.05	.16	....	....	....
....	....	....	5	11	....	16	Fever, Bilious.....	.39	....	.56	.41	....	....	....
....	....	3	37	58	8	117	Fever, Puerperal.....	2.87	3.04	2.96	3.04	1.35	3.97	.63
....	1	10	1	28	....	45	Fever, Typhoid.....	1.10	....	1.42	1.15	.91	.39	....
....	....	....	1	1	....	2	Hooping Cough.....	.05	....	.05	.08	....	....	....
....	....	....	....	4	2	7	Influenza.....	.17	.76	.21	....	.45	....	....
....	....	....	....	1	....	1	Measles.....	.02	....	.05	....	....	....	....
....	....	....	....	2	....	3	Pustule, Malignant.....	.07	....	.10	....	.46	....	....
....	....	....	....	268	16	462	Pyæmia.....	11.32	6.09	13.64	10.93	.45	6.74	17.00
27	17	1	133	2	....	3	Scarlatina.....	.07	....	.10	.08	....	....	....
....	....	....	....	7	....	8	Septicæmia.....	.20	....	....	.58	....	.39	....
....	....	....	....	4	3	7	Small Pox.....	.17	....	.15	.32	....	....	....
....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Syphilis.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
38	74	24	375	644	68	1,223	Total.....	29.96	25.86	32.77	30.81	10.86	29.34	23.92
....	....	....	....	....	....	....	II. GENERAL, OR NOT LOCALIZED.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
....	3	1	2	9	3	18	Abscess.....	.44	1.14	.46	.16	.45	1.19	....
....	....	....	....	2	....	2	Anæmia.....	.05	....	.10	....	....	....	....
4	6	12	24	38	3	87	Cancer.....	2.13	1.14	1.93	1.97	5.43	2.38	2.51
11	14	5	112	41	6	189	Debility.....	4.63	2.28	2.09	1.20	2.26	5.56	6.92
6	4	1	19	3	6	39	Dropsy.....	.96	2.28	.15	1.57	.45	1.59	3.78
1	....	....	....	2	1	5	Gangrene.....	.12	.38	.05	.16	....	....	.63

CLASSIFICATION AND PERCENTAGE, 1874.—CONTINUED.

DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.						PERCENTAGE IN EACH DIVISION.								
Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence Co.: Towns.	Providence City.	Washington Co.	Whole State.	CAUSES OF DEATH.	Percentage in the Whole State.	Washington Co.	Providence City.	Providence Co.: Towns.	Newport County.	Kent County.	Bristol County.
.....	1	1	1	2	2	6	Hemorrhage.....	.15	.76	.10	.08	.....	.39	.....
5	.....	.....	5	7	7	17	Malformation.....	.42	.....	.35	.41	.....	.....	3.10
2	.....	2	7	33	.....	44	Marasmus.....	1.07	.....	1.68	.58	.91	.....	1.26
.....	.....	.....	1	2	2	3	Purpura Hemorrhagica.....	.07	.....	.10	.08	.....	.....	.....
4	2	.....	2	12	.....	20	Scrofula.....	.49	.....	.61	.16	.....	.79	2.51
.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	2	Thrush.....	.05	.....	.05	.08	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	3	18	.....	21	Tuberculosis.....	.51	.....	.92	.25	.....	.....	.....
.....	3	2	7	13	1	26	Tumor.....	.64	.38	.66	.58	.91	1.19	.....
33	33	23	186	182	22	479	Total.....	11.73	8.36	9.25	15.28	10.41	13.09	20.71
III. NERVOUS SYSTEM.														
1	1	8	18	36	6	70	Apoplexy.....	1.72	2.28	1.83	1.48	3.62	.39	.63
1	3	.....	11	19	.....	34	Brain, Congestion of.....	.83	.....	.97	.91	.....	1.19	.63
.....	1	2	7	22	.....	32	Brain, Disease of.....	.78	.....	1.12	.58	.91	.39	.....
1	.....	2	11	10	.....	24	Brain, Inflammation of.....	.59	.....	.51	.80	.91	.....	.63
6	7	11	31	38	5	98	Convulsions and Fits.....	2.40	1.90	1.93	2.55	4.98	2.77	3.78
.....	1	.....	.....	2	.....	3	Delirium Tremens.....	.07	.....	.10	.....	.....	.39	.....
1	.....	.....	2	12	1	16	Epilepsy.....	.39	.38	.61	.16	.....	.....	.63

2	2	5	9	32	1	51	Hydrocephalus	1.25	.38	1.63	.74	2.26	.79	1.26
...	1	...	3	9	...	13	Insanity	.32	...	.46	.25	...	.39	...
1	...	2	10	23	...	36	Meningitis	.88	...	1.17	.82	.91	...	.63
...	...	5	1	10	...	16	Meningitis, Cerebro-Spinal	.39	...	.51	.08	2.26	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	...	1	Meningitis, Spinal	.02	...	...	.08	...	...	...
13	9	8	24	23	9	86	Paralysis	2.11	3.42	1.17	1.97	3.62	3.57	8.17
...	1	1	1	4	1	8	Tetanus and Tris. Nascen.	.20	.38	.21	.08	.45	.39	...
26	26	44	129	240	23	488	Total	11.95	8.74	12.22	10.60	19.92	10.27	16.36
IV. RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.														
...	...	1	1	...	4	6	Asphyxia	.15	1.52	...	.08	.45	...	...
...	1	...	4	3	2	10	Asthma	.25	.76	.15	.33	...	.39	...
...	...	...	6	32	1	39	Bronchitis	.96	.38	1.63	.49	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	1	Catarrh	.02	.38	...	...	...	...	...
18	32	26	139	270	44	529	Consumption	12.96	16.73	13.74	11.42	11.77	12.69	11.32
...	1	1	...	1	...	3	Dropsy of Chest	.07	...	.05	...	.45	.39	...
...	...	...	1	...	...	1	Glottis, Edema of	.02	...	...	.08	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	1	...	2	Laryngitis	.05	...	.05	.08	...	...	...
...	3	2	15	9	1	30	Lungs, Congestion of	.74	.38	.46	1.24	.91	1.19	...
...	6	4	23	1	2	36	Lungs, Disease of	.88	.76	.05	1.89	1.81	2.38	...
...	...	...	1	5	1	7	Lungs, Hemorrhage of	.17	.38	.25	.08	...	...	...
...	...	...	2	4	1	7	Pleurisy	.17	.38	.21	.16	...	...	...
6	10	5	58	127	14	220	Pneumonia	5.39	5.33	6.47	4.77	2.26	3.96	3.78
24	53	39	251	453	71	891	Total	21.88	27.00	23.06	20.62	17.65	21.10	15.10
V. CIRCULATORY SYSTEM.														
...	...	...	...	1	...	1	Aneurism	.02	...	.05	...	...	...	...
6	6	28	50	106	18	214	Heart, Affections of	5.24	6.85	5.39	4.11	12.67	2.38	3.78
...	...	...	...	2	...	2	Phlebitis	.05	...	.10	...	...	...	...

CLASSIFICATION AND PERCENTAGE, 1874.—CONTINUED.

DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.						CAUSES OF DEATH.	Percentage in the Whole State.	PERCENTAGE IN EACH DIVISION.					
Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence Co.: Towns.	Providence City.	Washington Co.			Washington Co.	Providence City.	Providence Co.: Towns.	Newport County.	Kent County.	Bristol County.
.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 Spleen, Disease of.....	.02	.....	.....	.....	.39	.....
6	7	28	50	109	18	Total.....	5.33	6.85	5.54	4.11	12.67	2.77	3.78
1	6	1	13	2	3	VI. DIGESTIVE SYSTEM.		1.14	.10	1.07	.45	2.38	.63
.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	26 Bowels, Disease of.....	.64	.....	.05	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	1 Colic.....	.02	.....	1.27	.91	.46	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	37 Enteritis.....	.90	.....	.21	.08	.....	.....	.63
1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	6 Hernia.....	.15	.....	.05	.16	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	4 Jaundice.....	.11	.38	.05	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 Liver, Disease of.....	.88	1.14	.76	.74	1.35	1.19	1.89
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 Peritonitis.....	.49	.38	.46	.49	.91	.....	1.26
1	3	1	7	25	2	39 Stomach, Disease of.....	.96	.76	1.28	.58	.45	1.19	.63
.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	2 Stomach, Hemorrhage of.....	.05	.38	.05	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	3 Tabes Mesenterica.....	.07	.....	.10	.08	.....	.....	.....
1	2	.....	26	13	.....	42 Teething.....	1.03	.....	.66	2.14	.....	.79	.63
.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1 Worms.....	.02	.....	.....	.08	.....	.....	.....
9	14	8	77	98	11	Total.....	5.32	4.18	4.99	6.33	3.62	5.55	5.67

VII. URINARY SYSTEM.

10	Bladder, Disease of.....	6	2	1	1	2	6	.25	.31	.16	.45	.39	.39	.63
5	Diabetes.....	2	1	1	1	1	2	.12	.10	.08	.08	.39	.63	.63
4	Gravel and Calculus.....	1	1	1	1	1	2	.11	.05	.08	.08	.39	.63	.63
66	Kidneys, Disease of.....	44	11	3	3	11	1	1.62	2.24	.91	1.35	1.19	2.51	2.51
85	Total.....	53	14	4	4	14	3	2.10	2.70	1.15	1.80	2.37	2.77	2.77

VIII. GENERATIVE SYSTEM.

28	Child-birth.....	9	13	1	1	13	2	.68	.46	1.07	.45	.79	.63
2	Metritis.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	.05	.05	.08	.08	.39	.63
3	Miscariage.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	.07	.05	.08	.08	.39	.63
13	Puerperal Convulsions.....	10	2	1	1	2	10	.32	.51	.08	.91	.39	.63
1	Uterus, Disease of.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	.02	.05	.08	.08	.39	.63
47	Total.....	22	15	4	4	15	2	1.14	1.12	1.23	1.81	1.18	.63

IX. LOCOMOTIVE SYSTEM.

3	Hip-Joint, Disease of.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	.07	.05	.08	.45	.39	.63
1	Knee-Joint, Disease of.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	.02	.05	.08	.08	.39	.63
22	Rheumatism.....	8	9	1	1	9	2	.54	.41	.74	.45	.79	.63
11	Spine, Disease of.....	4	4	3	3	4	4	.27	.21	.33	.33	1.19	.63
37	Total.....	13	13	2	2	13	3	.90	.67	1.07	.90	2.37	.63

X. INTEGUMENTIVE SYSTEM.

3	Skin, Disease of.....	2	1	1	1	1	2	.07	.10	.08	.08	.39	.63
3	Ulcer.....	3	3	1	1	3	1	.07	.05	.08	.08	.39	.63
6	Total.....	2	4	2	2	4	3	.14	.10	.33	.33	.39	.63

TABLE XI.—OCCUPATIONS AND AGES AT DEATH, 1874.

Showing the Average Age at Death in the several occupations, Providence City being separated from the rest of the State, and ages under twenty being excluded.

OCCUPATIONS.	WHOLE STATE.			PROVIDENCE CITY.			REST OF STATE.		
	Number who Died.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.	Number who Died.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.	Number who Died.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.
I. AGRICULTURISTS.									
Farmers	142	9,584	67.49	15	845	56.33	127	8,739	68.81
Gardeners	6	318	53.00	2	93	46.50	4	225	56.25
II. MECHANICS AND ARTISANS.									
Baker	1	27	37.00	...	...	...	1	37	37.00
Barbers	7	312	44.57	5	215	43.00	2	97	48.50
Blacksmiths	12	589	49.08	4	190	47.50	8	399	49.88
Bleachers	2	98	49.00	2	98	49.00	...	...	...
Brakemen	6	170	28.33	5	130	26.00	1	40	40.00
Brass-finishers	2	80	40.00	1	58	58.00	1	22	22.00
Brewers	2	81	40.50	1	46	46.00	1	35	35.00
Butchers	7	400	57.14	4	193	48.25	3	207	69.00
Cabinet-maker	1	60	60.00	...	...	...	1	60	60.00
Calico-printers	3	159	53.00	3	159	53.00	...	...	...
Carpenters	46	2,233	48.54	20	936	46.80	26	1,297	49.89
Cigar-maker	1	55	55.00	1	55	55.00	...	...	...
Clocksmith	1	52	52.00	...	...	...	1	52	52.00
Confectioner	1	41	41.00	1	41	41.00	...	...	...
Coopers	5	345	69.00	1	73	73.00	4	272	68.00
Coppersmith	1	46	46.00	1	46	46.00	...	...	...
Dyers	3	171	57.00	2	132	66.00	1	39	39.00
Engineers	7	331	47.28	4	144	36.00	3	187	62.33
Engravers	8	428	53.50	7	362	51.71	1	66	66.00
Gunsmith	1	58	58.00	...	...	...	1	58	58.00
Harness-makers	5	301	60.20	2	102	51.00	3	199	66.33
Jewelers	20	814	40.70	15	586	39.07	5	228	45.60
Lapper-tender	1	39	39.00	...	...	...	1	39	39.00
Lithographer	1	36	36.00	...	...	...	1	36	36.00
Loom-fixer	1	33	33.00	1	33	33.00	...	...	...
Masons	26	1,517	58.35	14	805	57.50	12	712	59.33
Machinists	36	1,636	45.45	24	1,024	42.67	12	612	51.00
Mechanics	10	431	43.10	2	46	23.00	8	385	48.12
Miller	1	29	29.00	1	29	29.00	...	...	...
Millwright	1	86	86.00	...	...	...	1	86	86.00
Moulders	6	287	47.83	6	287	47.83	...	...	...
Nailer	1	35	35.00	1	35	35.00	...	...	...

TABLE XI.—OCCUPATIONS, 1874,—CONTINUED.

OCCUPATIONS.	WHOLE STATE.			PROVIDENCE CITY.			REST OF STATE.		
	Number who Died.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.	Number who Died.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.	Number who Died.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.
Operatives.	42	1,862	44.33	11	494	44.91	31	1,368	44.13
Overseers.	7	419	59.86	2	133	66.50	5	286	57.20
Painters.	22	832	37.82	14	542	38.71	8	290	36.25
Paper-hanger.	1	38	38.00	1	38	38.00			
Paper-maker.	1	77	77.00	1	77	77.00			
Pattern-makers.	2	145	72.50	2	145	72.50			
Peddlers.	6	331	55.17	2	133	66.50	4	198	49.50
Plumbers.	2	68	34.00	1	34	34.00	1	34	34.00
Polisher.	1	66	66.00	1	66	66.00			
Printers.	6	332	55.33	3	169	56.34	3	163	54.33
Riggers.	2	122	61.00	1	57	57.00	1	65	65.00
Roller-Coverers.	3	205	68.33				3	205	68.33
Sail-makers.	2	78	39.00	2	78	39.00			
Shoe-makers.	14	773	55.21	9	478	53.11	5	295	59.00
Silver-plater.	1	74	74.00	1	74	74.00			
Stone-cutters.	6	272	45.33	3	131	43.67	3	141	47.00
Tailors.	12	643	53.58	8	384	48.00	4	259	64.75
Tanner.	1	36	36.00				1	36	36.00
Tinsmith.	1	36	36.00				1	36	36.00
Wheelwrights.	2	118	59.00				2	118	59.00
Wire-worker.	1	27	27.00	1	27	27.00			
Wood-worker.	1	28	28.00				1	28	28.00
III. LABORERS.									
Coachmen.	4	136	34.00	2	73	36.50	2	63	31.50
Cook.	1	53	53.00				1	53	53.00
Hostlers.	3	138	46.00	3	138	46.00			
Laborers.	187	9,584	51.25	103	5,026	48.80	84	4,558	54.27
Porters.	3	132	44.00	3	132	44.00			
Teamsters.	12	596	49.67	8	381	47.62	4	215	53.75
Waiter.	1	28	28.00	1	28	28.00			
IV. BUSINESS MEN.									
Agents.	5	260	52.00	3	143	47.67	2	117	58.50
Apothecaries.	3	164	54.66	2	82	41.00	1	82	82.00
Bank Officers.	2	88	44.00	2	88	44.00			
Brokers.	3	161	53.66				3	161	53.67
Book-keepers.	5	216	43.20	5	216	43.20			
Car-Inspector.	1	32	32.00	1	32	32.00			
Cashier.	1	81	81.00	1	81	81.00			
Clerks.	18	533	29.61	13	372	28.62	5	161	32.20
Constable.	1	73	73.00	1	73	73.00			

TABLE XI.—OCCUPATIONS, 1874,—CONTINUED.

OCCUPATIONS.	WHOLE STATE.			PROVIDENCE CITY.			REST OF STATE.		
	Number who Died.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.	Number who Died.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.	Number who Died.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.
Contractor.....	1	71	71.00	1	71	71.00	...	...	...
Court-crier.....	1	61	61.00	1	61	61.00	...	...	...
Expressman.....	1	65	65.00	1	65	65.00	...	...	...
Grocers.....	11	624	56.73	7	373	53.29	4	251	62.75
Highway Commis'er.	1	65	65.00	1	65	65.00	...	...	...
Inn-keepers.....	8	483	60.37	1	74	74.00	7	409	58.43
Janitor.....	1	66	66.00	1	66	66.00	...	...	...
Letter-carrier.....	1	35	35.00	1	35	35.00	...	...	...
Liquor-dealers.....	2	76	38.00	2	76	38.00	...	...	...
Manufacturers.....	22	1,255	57.05	14	761	54.36	8	494	61.75
Merchants.....	37	2,151	58.14	23	1,343	58.39	14	808	57.72
Officer.....	1	76	76.00	...	...	...	1	76	76.00
Policemen.....	3	155	51.67	...	...	...	3	155	51.67
President of Ins. Co.	1	74	74.00	1	74	74.00	...	...	...
Publisher.....	1	64	64.00	1	64	64.00	...	...	...
R. R. Station Master.	1	52	52.00	...	...	...	1	52	52.00
Saloon-keepers.....	4	200	50.00	3	136	45.33	1	64	64.00
Traders.....	3	143	47.67	1	44	44.00	2	99	49.50
Undertaker.....	1	74	74.00	...	...	...	1	74	74.00
U. S. Coast Survey'r.	1	71	71.00	...	...	...	1	71	71.00
U. S. Service.....	1	33	33.00	1	33	33.00	...	...	...
Watchman.....	1	64	64.00	1	64	64.00	...	...	...
V. PROFESSIONAL MEN.									
Artist.....	1	58	58.00	...	...	...	1	58	58.00
Civil Enginecr.....	1	21	21.00	1	21	21.00	...	...	...
Clergymen.....	6	347	57.83	2	74	37.00	4	273	68.25
Judge.....	1	64	64.00	...	...	...	1	64	64.00
Lawyers.....	3	168	56.00	1	41	41.00	2	127	63.50
Physicians.....	5	309	61.80	2	140	70.00	3	169	56.34
Teachers.....	2	139	69.50	1	81	81.00	1	58	58.00
VI. SEAFARING MEN.									
Captains.....	3	234	78.00	...	...	...	3	234	78.00
Fishermen.....	2	141	70.50	...	...	...	2	141	70.50
Mariners.....	15	617	41.13	6	229	38.17	9	388	43.11
Naval Officer.....	1	30	30.00	1	30	30.00
Oystermen.....	2	151	75.50	2	151	75.50
VII. SOLDIER.....	1	31	31.00	1	31	31.00

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	Number who Died.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.	Number who Died.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.	Number who Died.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.
VIII. FEMALES.									
Boarding-h'se keep'rs	3	211	70.33	2	139	69.50	1	72	72.00
Dressmakers.....	5	131	26.20	4	108	27.00	1	23	23.00
Laundress.....	1	72	72.00	.....	.....	.....	1	72	72.00
Milliner.....	1	33	33.00	.....	.....	.....	1	33	33.00
Nurses.....	4	248	62.00	3	192	64.00	1	56	56.00
Operatives.....	11	433	39.36	3	66	22.00	8	367	45.87
Saleswoman.....	1	32	32.00	.....	.....	.....	1	32	32.00
Seamstresses.....	4	229	57.25	1	25	25.00	3	204	68.00
Servants.....	10	318	31.80	7	236	33.71	3	82	27.33
Tailoresses.....	3	129	43.00	3	129	43.00	.....	.....	.....
Teachers.....	3	175	58.33	1	49	49.00	2	126	63.00

RECAPITULATION.

OCCUPATIONS.	WHOLE STATE.			PROVIDENCE CITY.			REST OF STATE.		
	Number who Died.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.	Number who Died.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.	Number who Died.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.
AGRICULTURISTS....	148	9,902	66.91	17	938	55.18	131	8,964	68.43
MECHANICS AND ARTISANS. }	362	17,572	48.54	191	8,885	46.52	171	8,687	50.80
LABORERS.....	211	10,667	50.55	120	5,778	48.15	91	4,889	53.73
BUSINESS MEN.....	143	7,566	52.90	89	4,492	50.47	54	3,074	56.93
PROFESSIONAL MEN..	19	1,106	58.21	7	357	51.00	12	749	62.42
SEAFARING MEN.....	23	1,173	51.00	9	410	45.56	14	763	54.50
SOLDIER.....	1	31	31.00	1	31	31.00	.....	.....	.....
FEMALES.....	46	2,011	43.72	24	944	39.33	22	1,067	48.50
ALL CLASSES.....	953	50,028	52.50	458	21,835	47.67	495	28,193	56.96

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Laundress.....	1	72	72.00	1	72	72.00
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TABLE XII.—OCCUPATIONS AND CAUSES OF DEATH, 1874.

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TABLE XII.—OCCUPATIONS AND CAUSES OF DEATH.—CONTINUED.

OCCUPATIONS.	Whole number of given causes.
Loom-fixer.....	1
Machinists.....	31
Masons.....	26
Mechanics.....	10
Miller.....	1
Molders.....	6
Nailor.....	1
Operatives.....	40
Oversers.....	5
Painters.....	22
Paper-hanger.....	1
Paper-maker.....	1
Pattern-makers.....	2
Peddlers.....	6
Plumbers.....	2
Polisher.....	1
Printers.....	6
Riggers.....	1
Roller-Coverers.....	1
Sail-makers.....	2
Shoe-makers.....	14
Silver-plater.....	1
Stone-Cutters.....	6
Tailors.....	11
Tanner.....	1
Tinsmith.....	1
Wheelwrights.....	2
Wire-worker.....	1
Wood-worker.....	1

TABLE XII.—OCCUPATIONS AND CAUSES OF DEATH, 1874.—CONTINUED.

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OCCUPATIONS.	Whole number of given causes.		
	10	20-40	
Milliner.....	1		
Nurses.....	1		
Operatives.....	1		
Saleswoman.....	1		
Seamstresses.....	1		
Servants.....	1		
Tailoresses.....	1		
Teachers.....	1		
Abcess.	1		
Accidents.	1		
Apoplexy and Palsy.	1		
Asphyxia.	1		
Asthma.	1		
Bladder, Disease of.	1		
Bowels, Disease of.	1		
Brain, Disease of.	1		
Bronchitis.	1		
Cancer.	1		
Catarrh.	1		
Cholera Morbus.	1		
Consumption.	1		
Debility.	1		
Diabetes.	1		
Diarrhea.	1		
Lymphatica.	1		
Dropsy.	1		
Dysentery.	1		
Enteritis.	1		
Epilepsy.	1		
Erysipelas.	1		
Fever.	1		
Fits.	1		
Gangrene.	1		
Gravel and Calculus.	1		
Hæmorrhage.	1		
Hernia.	1		
Insanity.	1		
Intemperance and Delirium Tremens.	1		
Kidney, Disease of.	1		
Liver, Disease of.	1		
Lungs, Disease of.	1		
Malaria.	1		
Measles.	1		
Meningitis.	1		
Murder.	1		
Old Age.	1		
Peritonitis.	1		
Pleurisy.	1		
Pneumonia.	1		
Rheumatism.	1		
Scarlatina.	1		
Serofula.	1		
Spine, Disease of.	1		
Stomach, Disease of.	1		
Suicide.	1		
Tetanus.	1		
Tuberculosis.	1		
Tumor.	1		

Of 4 Farmers,—one died of Tabes Mesenterica, one of Edema of Glottis, one of Hydrocephalus, and one of Disease of Skin.
 Of 8 Laborers,—one died of Ulcer, one of Disease of Knee-Joint, one of Phlebitis.
 1 Operative, of Septicæmia,—1 Painter, of Pyæmia,—1 Hostler, of Anæmia,—1 Female Operative, of Malignant Pustule.

TABLE XII.—OCCUPATIONS AND CAUSES OF DEATH, 1874.—CONCLUDED.

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METEOROLOGICAL, 1874.

The following Tables were compiled from the observations of
the Rev. Dr CASWELL, of Providence :

TABLE XIII.

Showing the mean altitude and range of the Barometer, the prevailing winds, the mean relative humidity, mean cloudiness of the sky, the number of days of rain or snow, and the quantity of rain and melted snow, for each month of the year 1874, and compared with the average for 43 years.

MONTHS.	Barometer reduced to 32° Fahrenheit, and to the Sea Level.	Range of Barometer.	DAYS OF PRE- VAILING WINDS.				Relative Humidity.	Mean Cloudiness of the Sky.	RAIN FALL.			
			N. and E.	E. and S.	S. and W.	W. and N.			Number of days of Rain and Snow.	Rain and Melted Snow in inches.	Compared with average 43 years.	
											Monthly.	From January first.
January	30.124	1.058	8	1	13	9	83.90	0.54	11	3.62	0.07+	0.07+
February	30.120	1.194	5	1	6	16	76.00	0.51	7	4.40	1.40+	1.47+
March	29.927	1.174	2	3	10	16	78.20	0.43	9	2.00	1.74-	0.27-
April	30.006	1.410	10	2	6	12	72.40	0.58	13	8.54	4.77+	4.50+
May	29.958	1.046	6	7	9	9	*68.60	0.50	6	3.01	0.62-	3.88+
June	29.942	0.811	7	5	10	8	73.10	0.54	7	3.21	0.13-	3.75+
July	30.033	0.510	5	4	17	5	79.80	0.45	11	2.58	0.30+	4.05+
August	30.037	0.640	12	10	5	4	72.90	0.39	9	7.71	3.51+	7.56+
September	30.109	1.089	11	2	9	8	80.60	0.43	8	2.20	0.88-	6.68+
October	30.007	0.957	5	3	8	15	75.00	0.40	6	0.92	2.62-	4.06+
November	30.140	1.582	2	4	6	18	73.50	0.30	4	2.66	1.29-	2.77+
December	30.102	1.032	1	4	9	17	78.40	0.50	8	2.51	1.35-	1.42+
Whole Year	30.042	1.740	74	46	108	137	76.00	0.46	99	43.39	1.42+	1.42+

*Nine days omitted.

TABLE XIV.

Showing the mean temperature, and a comparison with the average of 43 years, the highest and lowest temperature, the monthly range, the mean daily range, and the greatest change in twenty four hours, for each month of the year 1874.

MONTHS.	THERMOMETER.					Mean Daily Range.	GREATEST CHANGE IN 24 HOURS.	
	Mean.	Compared with the average of 43 years.	Highest.	Lowest.	Range.		Degrees of rise or fall of thermometer.	DATE.
January	30.4°	3.5°+	57°	8°	49°	11.7°	20° r	1st.
February	26.9	0.3 —	57	1	56	14.2	28 r	13th.
March	34.0	0.1 +	59	10	49	14.9	26 r	30th.
April	37.6	7.4 —	62	16	6	13.9	28 r	14th.
May	55.7	0.6 +	84	34	50	17.4	34 r	13th.
June	65.5	0.2 +	93	48	45	16.2	29 r	28th.
July	69.8	0.7 —	90	55	35	18.0	26 r	25th.
August	65.5	3.5 —	85	48	36	17.6	28 r	18th.
September	61.9	0.1 —	84	42	42	14.7	25 r	23d.
October	51.1	0.1 +	68	33	35	16.0	28 r	20th.
November	39.0	1.1 —	63	18	45	16.5	25 r	3d.
December	30.3	0.7 +	52	1	51	12.9	25 r	9th.
Whole Year	47.3	0.64 —	93	1	92	15.3	34 r	May 13th.

In the preceding Tables, we have added columns, which will enable the reader to compare the record of this year with the average of the preceding years. Thus at a glance he can determine the excess or deficit of the quantity of rain for each month, and of the quantity from the beginning of the year to the first of each month; he can also see how far the mean temperature of each month departed from the average.

It will be seen that the temperature of the entire year was rather more than half of one degree below the average. The coldest month of the year was February, and the warmest July, each of them being a little colder than the average. The chief points of interest in connection with the temperature, are the warm January, the exceedingly cold April, and the cool August. Although January, as is shown by the Table, was much warmer than the average, still the mean temperature of the month was almost 4° below that of the warmest January of the record. April was 3.2° colder than the coldest previous April in forty-two

years; during the month the thermometer was at or below the freezing point on fifteen mornings, and on the 30th of the month the ground was firmly frozen. August was 1.1° warmer than the coolest August of forty-two years and 7° cooler than August in 1870 which was the warmest August of the entire period. During the summer months there were but *eight* days on which the temperature rose above 85° and on four of these it reached 90° and upwards. In 1873 there were eighteen of the former and three of the latter, and in 1872 twenty-seven of the former and six of the latter. The mean temperature of the three summer months and of September in 1874, was 65.9° or 0.2° lower than for the same period in 1873, and 3.1° lower than in 1872.

The rain fall of the year was 43.39 inches, being 1.42 inches above the average and 9.17 inches less than in the preceding year. The only point of special interest in this connection is the excessive rains of April and August. In April the amount was one inch more than double the usual quantity for that month. In the whole period of forty-three years there are but four months, in which the quantity of rain for the month, was greater than in April, 1874. In August, it will be observed, that the quantity was 3.59 inches in excess of the average: of the whole amount, 5.68 inches fell on one day, the 8th. The greatest excess of the year was reached at the close of this month and was 7.56 inches: from that date the monthly supplies were all below the average, so that, at the end of the year, as has been stated, the excess was quite small.

The number of days on which rain or snow fell was 99, being precisely the same as in 1873, although as has been stated the quantity in 1874, was 9.17 inches less. Notwithstanding the great rain-falls of April and August, we find that the atmosphere was in these months less saturated with moisture than in any other, with the exception of May: in January it attained the greatest degree of saturation. Westerly winds prevailed on 237 days, and easterly on 120, or in the proportion of more than 2 to 1. There were 21 days more of South-Westerly, and 9 days less of North-Easterly winds than in 1873.

We will now glance at the Tables of Deaths. From Table VIII we find that the number of deaths from Cholera Infantum was 265, or 20 less than 1873, and 99 less than 1872. The following Table shows the number of deaths from this disease in each

of the summer months, and in September, with the mean temperature in each of these months, in each of the last nine years.

MONTHS.	1874.		1873.		1872.		1871.		1870.		1869.		1868.		1867.		1866.	
	Temp.	Deaths.	Temp.	Deaths.	Temp.	Deaths.	Temp.	Deaths.	Temp.	Deaths.	Temp.	Deaths.	Temp.	Deaths.	Temp.	Deaths.	Temp.	Deaths.
June	65.5°	9	65.5°	10	68.4°	14	64.3°	3	68.5°	11	64.1°	3	61.1°	1	65.9°	3	64.1°	1
July	69.8	64	71.2	89	73.6	168	70.1	74	72.7	75	70.1	36	71.7	15	67.7	26	72.8	38
August	63.5	94	67.4	105	71.9	111	70.5	50	72.5	69	66.8	58	69.4	71	69.3	40	64.5	39
September..	61.9	63	60.4	41	62.2	71	57.6	25	63.2	34	62.6	42	61.1	43	60.4	56	62.2	20
Total	65.9	230	66.1	245	69.0	364	65.6	152	69.2	189	65.9	139	66.6	130	65.8	125	65.9	98

In looking at the above Table we find that, in three years, the mean temperature of these months has been precisely the same, viz. : in 1874, 1869, and 1866, and the number of deaths were respectively 230, 139 and 98. Much of this increase is doubtless due to the increase of the population. In 1874, the greatest number of deaths was in August, and yet in this month there was but one day in which the thermometer reached 85°, and the mean temperature was more than 4° below that of July, in which the number of deaths was 30 less. Again, July and September differed from each other in temperature by 9°, and yet there was but one less death in September than in July. August of 1874 was nearly six degrees cooler than July of 1873, and yet it had five more deaths. It has been quite positively stated that in New York the deaths from Cholera Infantum rise and fall with variations in temperature, 2 or 3 degrees of rise increasing the number of deaths from this disease. In order to verify this position, we should require for each year the number of the population under five years, with the temperature and the number of deaths, and we could then arrive at accurate results, based upon the number dying in proportion to the population. From such data as we have given, and they are all that we command, that theory is not substantiated, whether we compare season with season, or month with month.

The deaths from Pneumonia in 1874 were 220, or 29 more than in 1873. Of these deaths 99 occurred in the first four months of the year. The following Table shows the mean temperature, and the number of the deaths from this cause, in each of the first four months of the last five years.

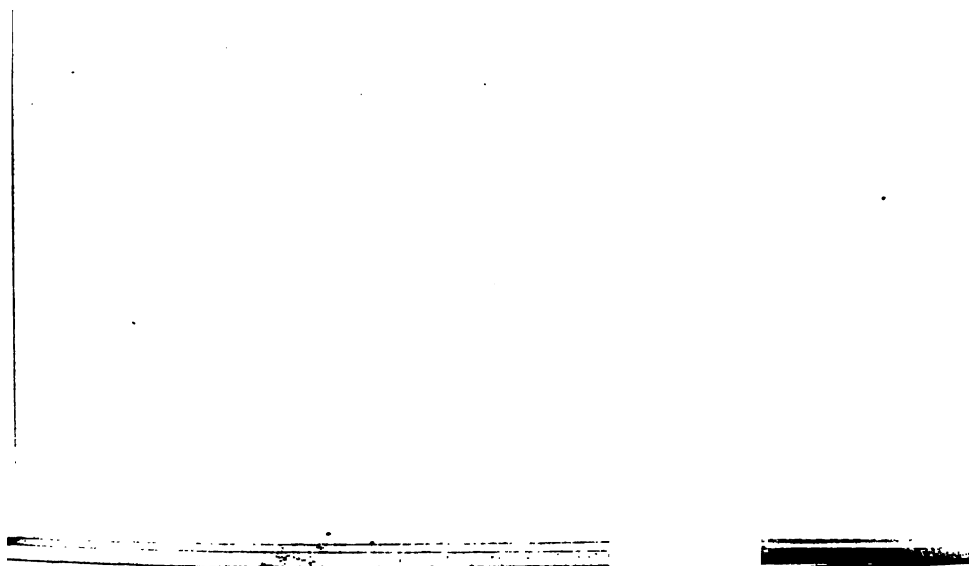
MONTHS.	1874.		1873.		1872.		1871.		1870.	
	Temp.	Deaths.	Temp.	Deaths.	Temp.	Deaths.	Temp.	Deaths.	Temp.	Deaths.
January.....	30.4°	16	24.7°	23	27.3°	16	25.6°	24	33.4°	20
February.....	26.9	19	25.0	28	28.0	32	27.9	30	27.5	18
March.....	33.0	22	32.5	20	25.9	30	40.6	27	31.0	19
April.....	37.6	42	43.1	25	44.8	27	47.8	20	47.3	25
Total.....	32.2	99	31.3	96	31.5	105	35.4	101	34.8	82

We shall not comment upon this Table, only drawing attention to the large number of deaths from this cause in April, in fact, by far the largest number ever reported in any single month. It has already been stated that this month was the coldest April in forty-three years.

The deaths from Scarlatina were largely in excess of any previous year. They numbered 462, while in 1873 they were 287, and this was then the largest number reported. Of the large number in 1874, 312 deaths occurred in the first six months. The largest monthly number was 63, in June, and the next 57, in January; the smallest was 18, in September. The experience of this year is an exception to the rule that Scarlatina is generally more fatal in the winter than in the summer.

There are two deaths reported from Heat,—one in August, when the thermometer once reached 85°, and one in *October*, the maximum temperature being 68°! No deaths are reported this year from Frost-Bite or exposure to cold. It will be remembered that the mercury did not go below 0° during the year.

We pass over this subject without further consideration, believing that the data we have are not sufficient for any elucidation of the complex relations between the varying conditions of the weather and the degree of mortality.



RESULTS AND OBSERVATIONS, 1874.

By reference to Table 1, on page 2, we find that, in the year 1874, there were recorded in the State of Rhode Island, *six thousand four hundred and sixty-six (6,466) births, two thousand five hundred and forty-one (2,541) marriages, and four thousand two hundred and twenty-nine (4,229) deaths.*

The usual comparison of the results of registration in the State for the last twenty-one years is as follows :

Year.	Whole number of births.	Still-born.	Living births.	Marriages.	Deaths.
1854.....	2,105.....	78.....	2,027.....	1,047.....	1,720.....
1855.....	2,926.....	124.....	2,802.....	1,375.....	1,846.....
1856.....	2,906.....	183.....	2,723.....	1,535.....	2,042.....
1857.....	4,028.....	185.....	3,841.....	1,526.....	2,325.....
1858.....	4,263.....	177.....	4,086.....	1,438.....	2,616.....
1859.....	4,500.....	177.....	4,323.....	1,672.....	2,270.....
1860.....	4,690.....	167.....	4,493.....	1,748.....	2,686.....
1861.....	4,840.....	146.....	4,694.....	1,533.....	2,927.....
1862.....	4,125.....	123.....	4,002.....	1,450.....	2,591.....
1863.....	3,691.....	111.....	3,580.....	1,618.....	3,207.....
1864.....	3,892.....	138.....	3,754.....	1,844.....	3,360.....
1865.....	3,855.....	177.....	3,778.....	1,896.....	3,405.....
1866.....	4,902.....	172.....	4,730.....	2,318.....	2,970.....
1867.....	5,127.....	163.....	4,964.....	2,344.....	2,889.....
1868.....	5,372.....	212.....	5,160.....	2,285.....	2,912.....
1869.....	5,245.....	220.....	5,025.....	2,289.....	3,382.....
1870.....	5,215.....	234.....	4,981.....	2,362.....	3,238.....
1871.....	5,678.....	225.....	5,455.....	2,531.....	3,344.....
1872.....	6,149.....	202.....	5,941.....	2,537.....	4,247.....
1873.....	6,022.....	228.....	5,794.....	2,630.....	4,403.....
1874.....	6,466.....	277.....	6,189.....	2,541.....	4,229.....

We see from this Table that in 1874 there were more births than in any previous year, and more marriages than in any year with the exception of 1873; the number of deaths was less than in either of the two preceding years. The excess of living births over deaths in 1874 was 1,565, or 174 more than in 1873, and 129 less than in 1872.

On the next two pages will be found a comparison of the births, marriages and deaths in each town in the State in 1874, with the population of each town by the census of 1875; and also a comparison of the statistics in each town for the three years 1872, 1873 and 1874. The census of 1875 was taken on the first of June, and it is fair to suppose that it gives a more reliable basis of comparison than that of 1870. For this reason, therefore, it is introduced into this report, anticipating the report of the year to which it properly belongs.

**BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN RHODE ISLAND IN 1874,
COMPARED WITH THE POPULATION BY THE CENSUS OF 1875.**

TOWNS AND DIVISIONS OF THE STATE	Population in 1875.	Births in 1874.	Of population one birth in	Marriages in 1874.	Of population one person married in	Deaths in 1874.	Of population one death in	Deaths in each 100 of the population.
Barrington	1,185	31	38.2	4	148.1	9	131.7	0.75
Bristol	5,829	180	32.4	39	74.7	95	61.3	1.63
Warren	4,005	91	44.0	46	43.5	58	69.0	1.45
BRISTOL COUNTY..	11,019	302	36.5	89	61.9	162	68.0	1.47
Coventry	4,580	42	10.9	42	54.5	57	80.3	1.24
East Greenwich ...	3,120	75	41.6	28	55.7	58	53.8	1.66
West Greenwich ...	1,034	19	54.4	7	73.9	17	60.8	1.64
Warwick	11,614	254	45.7	84	69.1	137	84.8	1.18
KENT COUNTY....	20,348	390	52.2	161	63.2	269	75.6	1.32
Jamestown	488	4	122.0	3	81.3	6	813.3	1.23
Little Compton ...	1,156	25	46.2	8	72.2	19	60.8	1.64
Middletown	1,074	20	53.7	9	59.7	10	107.4	0.93
Newport	14,028	304	46.1	119	58.9	139	10.0	0.99
New Shoreham ...	1,147	27	42.5	8	71.7	15	76.5	1.31
Portsmouth	1,893	18	105.1	5	189.3	26	72.8	1.37
Tiverton	2,101	49	42.9	22	47.7	23	91.4	1.09
NEWPORT COUNTY.	21,887	447	48.9	174	62.9	238	91.9	1.09
Burrillville	5,249	125	41.9	26	100.9	74	70.9	1.41
Cranston	5,688	111	51.2	19	149.7	116	49.0	2.04
Cumberland	5,673	89	63.7	59	48.0	56	10.1	0.99
East Providence...	4,336	110	39.4	30	72.2	68	63.8	1.57
Foster	1,543	9	171.4	24	32.1	10	154.3	0.65
Glocester	2,098	42	49.9	25	41.9	41	51.2	1.95
Johnston	4,999	101	49.5	17	147.0	97	51.5	1.94
Lincoln	11,565	365	31.7	76	76.1	175	66.1	1.51
North Providence	1,303	39	33.4	6	108.6	39	33.4	2.99
North Smithfield ..	2,797	57	49.0	26	53.8	36	77.7	1.29
Pawtucket	18,464	554	33.3	209	44.2	230	80.3	1.25
Scituate	4,101	82	50.0	54	37.9	58	70.7	1.41
Smithfield	2,857	51	56.0	13	109.9	25	11.4	0.88
Woonsocket	13,576	392	34.6	169	40.2	267	50.8	1.97
PROV. CO., TOWNS	84,249	2,127	39.6	753	55.9	1,292	65.2	1.53
PROVIDENCE CITY.	100,675	2,780	36.2	1,178	42.7	1,992	50.5	1.98
Charlestown	1,654	21	50.2	6	87.8	22	47.9	2.09
Exeter	1,355	17	79.7	15	45.2	15	90.3	1.10
Hopkinton	2,760	57	48.4	30	46.0	40	69.0	1.45
North Kingstown..	3,505	72	48.7	22	79.7	50	70.1	1.43
South Kingstown..	4,240	99	42.8	37	57.3	54	78.5	1.27
Richmond	1,739	35	49.7	17	51.1	25	69.0	1.44
Westerly	5,408	119	45.4	59	45.8	70	77.3	1.29
WASHINGTON CO..	20,061	420	47.8	186	53.9	276	72.7	1.38
WHOLE STATE....	258,239	6,466	39.9	2,541	50.8	4,229	61.1	1.64

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN EACH TOWN IN RHODE ISLAND, IN EACH OF THE THREE YEARS 1872, 1873 AND 1874.

TOWNS AND DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
	1872.	1873.	1874.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1872.	1873.	1874.
Burrington	8	7	31	3	8	4	11	9	9
Bristol	181	182	180	36	32	39	126	91	95
Warren	60	70	91	43	57	46	62	73	58
BRISTOL COUNTY..	249	259	302	82	97	89	199	173	162
Coventry	10	85	42	28	41	42	84	67	57
East Greenwich...	73	59	75	35	35	28	40	53	58
West Greenwich ..	26	21	19	7	9	7	21	12	17
Warwick	283	227	254	135	131	84	155	125	137
KENT COUNTY.....	452	392	390	205	216	161	300	257	269
Jamestown	2	10	4	3	2	3	1	6	6
Little Compton...	17	18	25	8	2	8	16	11	19
Middletown	20	14	20	5	4	9	16	12	10
Newport	335	325	304	118	119	119	194	284	139
New Shoreham....	18	22	27	7	10	8	10	4	15
Portsmouth.....	31	17	18	5	12	5	26	31	26
Tiverton	35	43	49	37	26	22	28	33	23
NEWPORT COUNTY.	458	449	447	183	175	174	291	381	238
Burrillville.....	92	89	125	29	25	26	70	64	74
Cranston	143	150	111	20	21	19	110	56	116
Cumberland... ..	88	119	89	85	101	59	54	80	56
East Providence..	58	77	110	27	32	30	43	51	68
Foster	23	25	9	14	14	24	23	10	10
Glocester.....	39	39	42	32	25	25	42	35	41
Johnston.....	118	100	101	22	17	17	93	92	97
Lincoln	317	266	365	60	52	76	168	159	175
North Providence.	665	646	39	187	158	6	426	501	39
North Smithfield ..	40	49	57	17	21	26	31	27	36
Pawtucket	226	248	554	46	51	209	86	80	230
Scituate	50	60	82	41	53	54	52	44	58
Smithfield.....	36	62	51	30	25	13	29	34	25
Woonsocket.....	406	426	392	168	187	169	332	311	267
PROV. CO., TOWNS	2,310	2,356	2,127	778	782	753	1,559	1,547	1,292
PROVIDENCE CITY.	2,206	2,128	2,780	1,093	1,158	1,178	1,603	1,742	1,992
Charlestown	31	19	21	4	4	6	11	12	22
Exeter	15	29	17	25	15	15	29	10	15
Hopkinton.....	59	56	57	32	31	30	40	36	40
North Kingstown..	75	66	72	27	25	22	67	77	50
South Kingstown...	97	100	99	44	39	37	51	61	54
Richmond	44	40	35	11	27	17	39	30	25
Westerly.....	117	128	119	53	61	59	58	77	70
WASHINGTON CO..	438	435	420	196	202	186	295	303	276
WHOLE STATE.....	6,143	6,022	6,466	2,537	2,630	2,541	4,247	4,403	4,229

We cannot, in passing, refrain from noting some of the points of difference between the census we have presented on page 50, and that of the census of 1870. In 1875, the entire population of the State was 40,886 larger than in 1870. This increase of population is distributed over the different counties of the State, with the exception of Washington county, which shows a population of 36 less than by the preceding census. In Bristol county, the gain was 1,598, and was distributed among the three towns of that county, Warren having nearly 1,000, and Bristol more than 500. In Kent county the gain was 1,753, and in this county West Greenwich alone does not show an increase; the decrease in that town was 99. Newport county has a gain of 1,837, and in this county Little Compton has 10 less, and Portsmouth 110 less inhabitants than in 1870. The towns of Providence county show a gain of 3,963, and in this county Foster, Glocester, North-Providence, and North-Smithfield show a decrease. In Foster the population is 87 less, in Glocester 287 less, and in North-Smithfield 255 less than in 1870. The decrease in North-Providence was chiefly due to a change in the town lines, by which a large portion was absorbed into the city of Providence, and another portion transferred to Pawtucket, thus reducing the population materially; the decrease in this town is 19,192. Pawtucket has gained 11,845, and of this a large portion is due to North Providence. Woonsocket has gained 2,049. The largest gain of course is in the city of Providence, and this is more than three-fourths of that of the whole State; it amounted to 31,771, and of this about 15,000 is due to the town of North Providence. In Washington county every town shows a decrease, with the exception of Hopkinton, which has an increase of 78, and Westerly, which shows a gain of 699. As a result of this comparison we think that, in the State at large and in the City of Providence, there are abundant indications of a satisfactory and permanent growth.

Turning from the consideration of the population to its relation with the vital statistics of the State, we present below a Table showing a comparison of the births, marriages and deaths, in proportion to the population, for each of the last six years.

YEARS.	BIRTHS.		MARRIAGES.		DEATHS.		
	Number.	Of popula- tion one birth in	Number.	Of popula- tion one marriage in	Number.	Of popula- tion one death in.	Deaths in each 100 of the popu- lation.
1869.....	5,245	41.4	2,289	47.5	3,382	64.2	1.56
1870.....	5,215	41.7	2,362	46.0	3,238	67.1	1.49
1871.....	5,678	38.2	2,336	46.5	3,344	65.0	1.54
1872.....	6,143	35.4	2,537	42.9	4,247	51.2	1.95
1873.....	6,022	36.1	2,630	41.3	4,403	49.4	2.03
1874.. ..	6,466	39.9	2,541	50.8	4,229	61.1	1.64

From this comparison we see that in 1874, in proportion to the population, there were fewer births than in any year since 1870; fewer marriages than in either of the years mentioned, and fewer deaths than in either of the two preceding years.

From the Table on page 51, we see that the births have regularly diminished during the past three years in Bristol, Kent and Newport counties, and that in 1874 they were less in the towns of Providence county and in Washington county than in the previous year; in the city of Providence there was a large increase. The number of marriages in 1874, was less than in either of the years mentioned, in Kent, Newport and Washington counties, and in the towns of Providence county; it was less in Bristol county than in 1873; in the city of Providence the number exceeded that of either of the above years. The number of deaths in 1874 was less than in either of the years mentioned, in Bristol, Newport and Washington counties, and in the towns of Providence county, and less in Kent county than in 1871, but greater than in 1872; in the city of Providence it was greater than in either of these years.

We will now proceed to consider in detail the births, marriages and deaths in 1874.

BIRTHS, 1874.

We have already stated on page 49 that the number of births in the State of Rhode Island, for the year 1874, was 6,466, the largest number ever yet reported.

The particulars of these births are found in the Tables on pages 2 to 8 inclusive, and to these we will now turn our attention.

SEX OF THE CHILDREN BORN.

Of the 6,466 children born in 1874, in Rhode Island, 3,311 were males, and 3,155 females; thus there were 104.9 males to each 100 females, or in each 100 children born there were 51.21 males and 48.79 females. The following Table shows the number and proportion of the sexes of the children born in this State, in each of the last twenty-two years.

Years.	Children.		Males to each 100 Females.	Males. Females.	
	Males.	Females.			
1852-3.....	1,432.....	1,404.....	102.0, or.....	50.49 and 49.51 in each 100.	
1854.....	1,081.....	1,003.....	107.8, or.....	51.87 and 48.13 in each 100.	
1855.....	1,492.....	1,421.....	105.0, or.....	51.22 and 48.78 in each 100.	
1856.....	1,479.....	1,407.....	105.1, or.....	51.25 and 48.75 in each 100.	
1857.....	2,057.....	1,948.....	105.6, or.....	51.36 and 48.64 in each 100.	
1858.....	2,200.....	2,053.....	107.2, or.....	51.73 and 48.27 in each 100.	
1859.....	2,209.....	2,097.....	105.3, or.....	51.30 and 48.70 in each 100.	
1860.....	2,263.....	2,212.....	102.3, or.....	50.57 and 49.43 in each 100.	
1861.....	2,531.....	2,291.....	110.5, or.....	52.49 and 47.51 in each 100.	
1862.....	2,152.....	1,967.....	109.4, or.....	52.25 and 47.75 in each 100.	
1863.....	1,892.....	1,288.....	105.8, or.....	51.41 and 48.59 in each 100.	
1864.....	1,949.....	1,942.....	100.3, or.....	50.09 and 49.91 in each 100.	
1865.....	2,096.....	1,857.....	112.9, or.....	53.02 and 46.98 in each 100.	
1866.....	2,546.....	2,356.....	108.0, or.....	51.94 and 48.06 in each 100.	
1867.....	2,665.....	2,461.....	107.0, or.....	51.87 and 48.13 in each 100.	
1868.....	2,745.....	2,627.....	104.5, or.....	51.10 and 48.90 in each 100.	
1869.....	2,885.....	2,560.....	104.9, or.....	51.19 and 48.81 in each 100.	
1870.....	2,679.....	2,536.....	105.6, or.....	51.37 and 48.63 in each 100.	
1871.....	2,878.....	2,800.....	102.8, or.....	50.69 and 49.31 in each 100.	
1872.....	3,085.....	3,058.....	100.9, or.....	50.22 and 49.78 in each 100.	
1873.....	3,135.....	2,887.....	108.6, or.....	52.06 and 47.94 in each 100.	
21 ⁷ ₁₂	47,251.....	44,678.....	105.7, or.....	51.62 and 48.38 in each 100.	
1874.....	3,311.....	3,155.....	104.9, or.....	51.21 and 48.79 in each 100.	

We see from this comparison, that the increase in the number of births is quite fairly distributed between the sexes. The number of males is 176 more than in 1873, when it was the largest reported; and the number of females is 97 more than the largest

number, which was in 1872, and 268 more than in 1873. The proportion of the sexes of the children born in 1874 is very nearly that of the average of twenty-one years.

The whole number of births in the city of Providence, in 1874, was 2,780; being 652 more than in 1873. Of these births in 1874, there were 1,410 males and 1,370 females; thus there were 102.9 males to each 100 females, or in each 100 children born 50.72 were males and 49.28 females. Thus in the City of Providence, in 1874, the proportion of male births was less than in the State. The following Table shows a comparison of the percentage of male births in the City of Providence and in the State of Rhode Island, for each of the last nine years.

PERCENTAGE OF MALE BIRTHS.

	1874.	1873.	1872.	1871.	1870.	1869.	1868.	1867.	1866.
Whole State.....	51.21	52.06	50.22	50.09	51.37	51.19	51.10	51.87	51.94
Providence City.....	50.72	52.21	48.91	48.78	51.19	51.81	50.59	51.10	52.02

During the twenty-one years from 1854 – 1874, inclusive, the births in the City of Providence were 36,402, and of these, 18,667 were males, and 17,737 females. Thus, during this period, there were born 105.2 males to each 100 females, or in each 100 children born 51.28 were males and 49.28 females. From the Table on page 54 we see that, for very nearly the same period of time, the proportion of male births in the State is slightly larger, it being 105.6 to each 100 females born.

SEX AND LOCALITY.

From Table II, we find that the number and proportion of each sex, in each division of the State, in 1874, were as follows :

BIRTHS, 1874.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County, Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.	Whole State.
Males.....	150	206	225	1,116	1,410	204	3,311
Females.....	152	184	222	1,011	1,370	216	3,155
Total.....	302	390	447	2,127	2,780	420	6,466
Males to each 100 Females.....	98.7	111.9	101.3	110.4	102.9	94.0	104.9

The relative proportion of the sexes in each division of the State is given in the following Table for each of the last twelve years :

BIRTHS.		Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County, Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.	Whole State.
Males to each 100 females.	1863	120.0	98.4	97.0	101.8	111.4	108.7	105.8
	1864	106.8	87.3	90.6	107.4	97.3	103.4	100.3
	1865	119.3	118.2	108.8	118.9	113.8	88.1	112.9
	1866	109.4	113.1	103.4	104.9	108.4	124.0	108.0
	1867	115.5	98.3	117.8	106.3	104.5	120.4	107.7
	1868	117.4	88.7	100.2	101.6	102.4	136.5	104.5
	1869	115.7	116.7	102.7	98.0	107.5	120.6	104.9
	1870	126.4	111.6	100.0	105.1	104.9	99.5	105.6
	1871	131.8	97.9	132.5	100.8	95.2	113.3	102.8
	1872	109.2	92.8	109.1	103.5	95.7	110.6	100.9
	1873	129.2	113.0	117.9	104.5	109.0	104.7	108.6
	1874	98.7	111.9	101.3	110.4	102.9	94.0	104.9

From this Table we see that the proportion of male births in 1874, in the whole State, was smaller than in 1873, but larger than in the two preceding years ; it was very much smaller than that of 1873 in Bristol and Newport counties, and smaller in all the divisions of the State, with the exception of the towns of Providence county, in which it was considerably larger.

SEX AND SEASON.

Table II, on page 4, gives the number and sex of the children born in each season of the year 1874. From that Table we derive the following results, in relation to the proportion of the sexes born in the different seasons.

January to March.....744 males....741 females, or...100.4 males to each 100 females.
 April to June.....808 males....747 females, or...108.2 males to each 100 females.
 July to September.....863 males....820 females, or...105.1 males to each 100 females.
 October to December.....897 males....847 females, or...105.9 males to each 100 females.

Whole Year.....3,311 males...3,155 females, or...104.9 males to each 100 females.

We present below a Table showing the proportion of male births to each 100 female births, in each quarter of the year, for each of the last nine years.

YEARS.	1874.	1873.	1872.	1871.	1870.	1869.	1868.	1867.	1866.
First Quarter.....	100.4	98.3	98.8	112.4	111.6	107.3	102.4	105.5	108.7
Second Quarter,.....	108.2	105.9	100.5	95.0	109.8	105.1	118.8	108.9	102.9
Third Quarter	105.1	109.9	101.6	99.3	101.0	101.9	103.1	110.4	113.8
Fourth Quarter.....	105.9	110.4	103.4	105.0	109.2	105.6	96.2	106.5	106.6
Whole Year.....	104.9	108.6	100.9	102.8	105.6	104.9	104.5	107.7	108.0

We see by this Table that the rule, that the largest number of male births occurs in the first quarter of the year, has held good but three times in this State during the last nine years. The largest number has occurred in the second quarter twice, one instance being in 1874, and in each of the other quarters twice, during this period. In 1874, as in the two preceding years, the smallest proportion occurred in the first quarter of the year. From Table II we find that in the month of April the number of births of each sex was the same; in January there were 4 more boys, and in August 3 more boys than girls, while in December there were 46 more boys. In March there were 33 more girls, and in November 30 more girls than boys.

SEASON.

The following Table shows the number of children born in Rhode Island, in each quarter of the year in each of the last seven years, and also the aggregate for twenty-two years, from 1853-1874, inclusive.

	1874.	1873.	1872.	1871.	1870.	1869.	1868.	1853-1874.
January to March.....	1,485	1,382	1,348	1,332	1,183	1,221	1,275	22,948
April to June	1,553	1,399	1,464	1,299	1,243	1,249	1,280	23,100
July to September.....	1,682	1,583	1,663	1,475	1,327	1,391	1,369	25,205
October to December..	1,744	1,658	1,668	1,572	1,462	1,384	1,448	25,239
Total.....	6,466	6,022	6,143	5,678	5,215	5,245	5,372	96,492

This Table shows that in 1874 and in the four preceding years, as well as in the aggregate for twenty-two years, the largest number of births has been in the last quarter of the year. The smallest number has occurred in the first quarter in all the years mentioned excepting 1871, and in the aggregate period given.

PARENTAGE.

Table I shows the parentage of the children born in the State of Rhode Island in 1874. The following Table shows the parentage of the children born in the State, in each of the last two years, and for three periods of five years each, i. e. : from 1858-1872, inclusive :

PARENTAGE.	1874.	1873.	5 years. 1868-1872.	5 years. 1863-1867.	5 years. 1858-1862.
American	2,703	2,751	12,214	9,712	10,609
Foreign.....	2,048	2,621	12,366	9,968	9,697
American father and Foreign mother...	345	278	1,353	876	814
Foreign father and American mother...	470	372	1,720	941	755
Parentage not stated.....				70	223
Total.....	6,466	6,022	27,653	21,567	22,098

The percentage of each class in the above periods, is shown in the following Table :

PARENTAGE.	1874.	1873.	5 years. 1868-1872.	5 years. 1863-1867.	5 years. 1858-1862.
American.....	41.80	45.68	44.17	45.18	48.50
Foreign.....	45.50	43.52	44.72	46.37	44.33
American father and Foreign mother...	5.34	4.62	4.89	4.07	3.72
Foreign father and American mother...	7.27	6.18	6.22	4.38	3.45
Total... ..	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

The above Tables reveal to us a most marked diminution in the proportion of births of American parentage in 1874 ; the percentage of this class being the lowest that has ever been reported, and standing in marked contrast with the same class in the preceding year. The percentage of foreign births exceeds that of American parentage, and is larger than in 1873, though not quite up to the number of 1872. The percentages of mixed parentage were each larger than in the preceding year, and than the aggregate of the periods given.

From Table I we find that, in 1874, there were more children

born of foreign than of American parentage, in each of the following towns, viz.: Warwick, Burrillville, Cranston, Cumberland, East Providence, Lincoln, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Smithfield, Woonsocket, and in the City of Providence. In Johnston the births were equally divided. The towns of Warwick, East Providence, Lincoln, Smithfield, and the City of Providence were not included in this list for 1873, which comprised the rest of the above towns, and also the then large town of North Providence.

In 1874, there were six towns in which there were no births of foreign parentage. These were West Greenwich, Jamestown, Little Compton, New Shoreham, Foster and Exeter. In the preceding year, Barrington, Middletown and Portsmouth took the places in this list of West Greenwich and Little Compton.

COLORED CHILDREN.

In 1874 there were 170 colored children born in the State of Rhode Island. This number is 7 more than in 1873. Of these births in 1874, 88 were males, and 82 females. The percentage of male births was 51.76, or 107.3 males to each 100 females born, a less proportion of males than in either of the four preceding years. In the City of Providence, the number of colored births was the same as in 1873.

The number of colored children born in each town, in 1874, was as follows:

Barrington.....	1	Pawtucket.....	1
Bristol.....	11	Scituate.....	1
East Greenwich.....	6	Hopkinton.....	1
Warwick.....	4	North Kingstown.....	2
Newport.....	13	South Kingstown.....	8
Tiverton.....	3	Richmond.....	2
Burrillville.....	2	Westerly.....	4
Cranston.....	1	Providence City.....	109
North Providence.....	1		—
Whole State.....			170

PLURALITY BIRTHS.

From Table III we find that there were 74 cases of plurality births in Rhode Island in 1874. This number is 17 more than in 1873. Of this number there were 42 in the City of Providence, and 17 in the towns of Providence county. Of the 74 cases, 28 were of American, 24 of Irish, and 10 of English parentage. All of the plurality births were cases of twins.

During the twenty-two years from 1853–1874, inclusive, there were reported in Rhode Island:

95,399 cases of single births, giving.....	95,399 children.
1,025 cases of twin births, giving.....	2,050 children.
17 cases of triple births, giving.....	51 children.
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96,441 total cases of child-birth, giving.....	97,500 children.

Of the whole number of (96,441) cases of child-birth, one in 92.5 produced twins; and of the whole number of 97,500 children one in 46.4 was a twin.

Of the whole number of (1,042) cases of plurality births in twenty-two years, both parents were American in 455 cases; both were foreign in 502 cases; in 77 the parentage was mixed, and in 8 unknown.

Of the 2,101 children born in plurality cases in twenty-two years, there were 1,028 males, 1,069 females, and 4 sex not known.

STILL-BORN CHILDREN.

The statistics on this point are derived as usual from the returns of deaths. There were 277 cases of still-born children reported in Rhode Island in 1874. This number is 49 more than was reported in 1873, and 75 more than in 1872. Of those reported in 1874, there were 182 in the City of Providence, 20 in Bristol and 14 in Woonsocket. Ten towns reported no still-births, while in 1873 there were 14, and in 1872 there were 22 towns in which none were reported.

Sex.—Of the still-born in 1874, there were 172 males and 105 females.

Parentage.—Of the 277 cases of still-birth, 138 were of American, and 139 of foreign, parentage. This equal distribution is decidedly unusual.

Color.—In 1874, there were 264 cases of still-birth among the white, and 13 cases among the colored population. In 1873 there were 216 among the white, and 12 among the colored, and in 1872 there were 189 among the white, and again 13 among the colored population.

Season.—The number of still-births reported in the several months of 1874 were as follows:

January.....	29	August.....	21
February.....	34	September.....	18
March.....	23	October.....	22
April.....	19	November.....	30
May.....	14	December.....	20
June.....	24	<hr/>	
July.....	23	Total.....	277

SUMMARY, STILL-BORN.

The following Table shows the number of still-born, and the sex, for the period from June 1st, 1852, to December 31st, 1869, and for each of the last five years.

	1874.	1873.	1872.	1871.	1870.	June 1st, 1852. to Dec. 31st, 1869.	Total.
Males	172	145	123	140	130	1,573	2,283
Females	105	83	79	83	104	1,037	1,391
Not stated .....	....	....	....	....	....	52	52
Total.....	277	228	202	223	234	2,662	3,726

Sex.—The above Table shows that, since the first of June, 1852, there have been reported in Rhode Island 3,726 cases of still-birth. Of these 2,283 were males, 1,391 females, and 52 sex not stated. This gives 62.14 males and 37.86 females in each 100 still-births, or 165.56 males to each 100 female still-born children.

Parentage.—This is not given prior to 1859. From 1859–1874, inclusive, there have been 2,970 cases of still-birth, divided according to parentage as follows: American 1,289, foreign 1,679, not stated 2; total, 2,970. The proportions according to parentage, for the above period, are as follows: 43.09 American, and 56.91 foreign in each 100. In the Table on page 58 we have the parentage of the children given for seventeen years. Classing those of mixed parentage under that of the father, and omitting those, whose parentage was not given, we find the percentage of all births of American parentage was 49.88, and that of foreign parentage 50.12. Comparing these percentages with those of the still-births given above, for nearly the same period, we find a reiteration of the fact often stated, that the proportion of the foreign element among the still-born is larger than the foreign proportion of all the children born.

Season.—The season of the year in which the still-births occurred in Rhode Island, for the period of twenty-two years, from 1853–1874, inclusive, was as follows:

MONTHS.	22 years.	MONTHS.	22 years.	MONTHS.	22 years.	MONTHS.	22 years.
January.....	335	April.....	275	July.....	325	October.....	280
February.....	326	May.....	300	August.....	337	November.....	337
March.....	303	June.....	290	September.....	316	December.....	363
1st Quarter.....	964	2d Quarter.....	865	3d Quarter.....	978	4th Quarter.....	980

First six months, 1,829; second six months, 1,958; Total, 3,787.

NUMBER OF THE CHILDREN.

The following Table shows the number of the child of the mother, i. e. : whether the child whose birth is reported, is the first, second, or third, etc., of its mother. The Table shows the number of the children born in Rhode Island in 1874, as well as of all born during the seventeen years from 1857-1873, inclusive, and the total for eighteen years :

NUMBER.	1874.	1857-1873.	18 Years.
First.....	1,643	19,661	21,304
Second.....	1,357	15,838	17,195
Third.....	999	12,386	13,385
Fourth.....	706	9,236	9,942
Fifth.....	551	6,893	7,444
Sixth.....	378	4,928	5,306
Seventh.....	260	3,506	3,766
Eighth.....	172	2,365	2,537
Ninth.....	128	1,554	1,682
Tenth.....	97	997	1,094
Eleventh.....	73	503	576
Twelfth.....	43	305	348
Thirteenth.....	12	153	165
Fourteenth.....	4	81	85
Fifteenth.....	5	45	50
Sixteenth.....	2	20	22
Seventeenth.....	2	19	21
Eighteenth.....	2	3	5
Nineteenth.....		4	4
Twentieth.....		2	2
Twenty-first.....		2	2
Twenty-second.....		2	2
Total.....	6,434	78,503	84,937

The proportion of first children born in Rhode Island, in 1874, was 25.5 in each 100, and for the period of eighteen years it was 25.1 The proportion of second children born in 1874 was 21.1 in each 100, and for the period of eighteen years it was 20.2.

The following Table shows what percentage of the children born in each of the last ten years, was the first, second, third, &c., child of the mother. The calculations are only carried to the fifth child.

NUMBER OF THE CHILD.	1874.	1873.	1872.	1871.	1870.	1869.	1868.	1867.	1866.	1865.
First.....	25.54	25.27	25.39	25.86	26.41	25.23	27.24	27.78	25.35	24.29
Second.....	21.09	20.80	20.36	20.78	20.40	20.84	19.83	19.15	19.25	18.05
Third.....	15.53	15.88	15.64	16.06	15.56	15.02	13.92	14.59	14.28	16.14
Fourth.....	10.97	11.35	11.52	10.79	10.33	11.30	11.65	10.64	11.74	12.12
Fifth.....	8.56	8.25	7.96	7.86	8.12	8.39	8.01	8.94	9.94	10.50
First to Fifth.....	81.69	81.55	80.87	81.35	80.82	80.78	80.65	81.10	80.56	81.19
Sixth and over.....	18.31	18.45	19.13	18.65	19.18	19.22	19.25	18.90	19.44	18.81
Total.....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

We see from this Table that, in 1874, the proportion of the first children was greater than in either of the two preceding years, and the proportion of the second children greater than in any year mentioned. The last remark is also true of the proportion of children up to the fifth. The proportion of first children in 1874 was a little more than one-fourth of all the children born.

MARRIAGES, 1874.

There were 2,541 marriages reported in Rhode Island in 1874. This is 89 less than was reported in 1873. Table IV, page 7, shows the number of marriages in each of the divisions of the State, in each month, and in each quarter of the year 1874.

SEASON.

The following Table shows the number and percentage of the marriages in Rhode Island, in each quarter of the year 1874, compared with the aggregate number and percentage for the twenty-one years previous, i. e. : from 1853-1873, inclusive :

YEARS.		First Quarter.	Second Quarter.	Third Quarter.	Fourth Quarter.	Whole Year.
1874.....	{ Number	528	614	654	745	2,541
	{ Percentage.....	20.78	24.16	25.74	29.32	100.00
1853-1873.....	{ Number	8,811	9,531	9,100	11,510	38,952
	{ Percentage.....	22.62	24.47	23.36	29.55	100.00

We thus see that in 1874, as in the aggregate for twenty-one years, the largest percentage of marriages occurred in the last quarter of the year. In the third quarter of 1874, however, it was larger than in the second ; the reverse of which is true for the aggregate.

NATIVITY.

The following Table shows the number of marriages according to the nativity of the parties, for each of the last ten years, and also for the aggregate of seventeen years, from 1858-1874, inclusive :

BIRTH-PLACE.	1874.	1873.	1872.	1871.	1870.	1869.	1868.	1867.	1866.	1865.	17 years total.
United States.....	1,495	1,620	1,488	1,403	1,429	1,353	1,464	1,470	1,442	1,231	21,398
Foreign Countries.....	695	702	690	625	635	676	517	616	599	446	9,340
Am. groom, for. bride.	154	138	155	157	126	99	135	114	130	90	1,898
For. groom, Am. bride.	197	170	204	151	172	161	169	144	147	129	2,141
Not stated.....											64
Total.....	2,541	2,630	2,537	2,336	2,362	2,289	2,285	2,314	2,318	1,896	34,841

We find from the above Table that, in 1874, the number of marriages, where both parties were born in the United States, was less than in 1873, but larger than in either of the previous years; the same is true also where both parties were of foreign birth. The number of those where the groom was American and the bride foreign was larger than in 1873, but smaller than in the years 1871 and 1872; while the number of those in which the groom was of foreign, and the bride of American birth, was, with the exception of 1872, the largest mentioned.

The proportion of American, foreign and mixed marriages, at different dates, and in the aggregate for the last seventeen years, is shown in the following Table. The term mixed is applied to those marriages in which one party was of American, and the other of foreign parentage.

BIRTH-PLACE.	1874.	1873.	1872.	1871.	1870.	1868.	1866.	1864.	1862.	1860.	1858.	17 years total.
United States.....	58.84	61.60	58.65	60.06	60.50	64.08	62.21	63.33	64.75	60.83	60.81	61.53
For. Countries....	27.35	26.69	27.20	26.75	26.88	22.62	25.84	25.64	24.95	30.44	29.43	26.86
Mixed.....	13.81	11.71	14.15	13.19	12.62	13.30	11.95	11.03	10.30	8.73	9.76	11.61
Total.....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

We see from this Table that, in 1874, the percentage of American marriages was smaller, with the exception of 1872, than in either of the years mentioned; the percentage of foreign marriages was larger than in any of the years mentioned since 1860; and the percentage of mixed marriages larger than in any year mentioned, with the exception of 1872. The percentage of American marriages falls very much below, while those of foreign and mixed marriages are above the aggregate.

AGES OF PERSONS MARRIED.

The number of persons married at the different periods of life, in Rhode Island in 1874, is given in Table V, on page 8. The whole number of males and females married, at the different periods in life, in 1874, was as follows :

1874.	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	Not stated.
Males.....	103	1,027	600	289	156	98	64	37	30	28	8	8	1	2
Females.....	657	965	489	170	112	61	37	15	6	11	....	1	....	7
Total.....	770	1,992	1,179	459	268	159	101	52	36	39	8	9	1	9

From the Table on page 8, we find the following points of interest : One man under 25 married a woman over 35 ; another of the same age married a woman over 40, and a third married a woman over 45 ; one man under 30 married a woman over 50, and one man under 50 married a woman over 60. One man over 50 married a girl under 20, and one over 55 married a woman under 25. One man over 75 was married, and his bride was under 50. Eight men over 70 were married, and their brides were from 30 to 75. No women were married between the ages of 65 and 70, and but one over 70.

The following Table shows the number of persons that have been married in Rhode Island, at each period of life, in each of the last nine years, viz. : from 1866 to 1874 :

YEARS.	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	80 to 85.	Not stated.
1866.....	693	1,931	1,025	419	213	127	81	59	25	21	12	7	....	....	23
1867.....	696	1,886	1,104	416	211	148	91	48	37	18	18	5	3	1	6
1868.....	644	1,835	1,050	432	219	133	82	61	30	29	11	8	4	....	32
1869.....	642	1,814	1,051	468	227	134	79	46	35	15	11	2	3	2	49
1870.....	744	1,883	1,084	415	216	159	86	64	26	24	12	3	2	....	6
1871.....	697	1,914	1,118	392	228	115	73	56	35	22	6	7	3	....	6
1872.....	786	2,073	1,182	434	237	131	81	61	43	21	13	6	1	....	5
1873.....	762	2,177	1,156	507	253	140	87	68	35	24	12	6	6	....	27
1874.....	770	1,992	1,179	459	268	159	101	52	36	39	8	9	1	....	9

By this Table we see that, in 1874, there were more marriages under 20, and between 25 and 30, than in any of the above years, with the exception of 1872. The number between 20 and 25 was less in 1874 than in the two previous years; from 30 to 35 it was less than in 1873, but from 35 to 50 the number in 1874 was considerably larger than for several years.

The percentage of males and females married at different periods of life, in each of the last fifteen years, was as follows :

YEARS.		Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 & over.	Total.
MALES.	1860.....	5.0	42.8	28.9	16.3	5.7	3.3	100.00
	1861.....	4.6	44.5	25.4	15.5	5.8	4.2	100.00
	1862.....	4.2	37.8	27.9	18.3	5.9	5.9	100.00
	1863.....	3.5	38.0	29.6	17.2	5.8	5.9	100.00
	1864.....	4.3	38.8	27.8	17.9	7.4	4.8	100.00
	1865.....	3.5	37.0	28.4	18.9	7.5	4.7	100.00
	1866.....	5.3	40.9	27.0	16.4	6.8	4.1	100.00
	1867.....	4.3	40.1	27.9	16.8	6.8	4.1	100.00
	1868.....	4.1	39.9	28.2	17.1	6.1	4.6	100.00
	1869.....	4.3	39.6	27.7	18.5	6.1	8.8	100.00
	1870.....	4.8	40.4	28.1	16.0	6.4	4.3	100.00
	1871.....	5.3	40.1	28.9	16.5	4.9	4.3	100.00
	1872.....	4.3	41.3	28.2	16.6	5.2	4.4	100.06
	1873.....	3.8	42.4	26.7	17.0	6.0	4.1	100.00
	1874.....	4.1	40.4	27.2	17.5	6.4	4.4	100.00
FEMALES.	1860.....	25.8	44.1	17.0	9.1	2.6	1.4	100.00
	1861.....	29.6	42.0	15.2	7.8	4.1	1.3	100.00
	1862.....	24.9	41.3	16.7	11.8	4.1	1.2	100.00
	1863.....	24.9	42.6	16.9	9.8	4.1	1.7	100.00
	1864.....	24.2	43.4	17.8	10.3	2.9	1.4	100.00
	1865.....	22.6	42.3	19.1	11.0	3.5	1.5	100.00
	1866.....	24.7	42.9	17.4	11.0	2.7	1.3	100.00
	1867.....	23.4	40.5	19.3	10.0	3.4	1.4	100.00
	1868.....	24.4	40.9	18.1	11.6	3.3	1.7	100.00
	1869.....	24.1	40.5	18.7	12.1	3.4	1.2	100.00
	1870.....	26.8	39.4	17.9	10.8	3.9	1.2	100.00
	1871.....	24.6	41.9	19.1	10.1	3.1	1.2	100.00
	1872.....	26.7	40.5	18.4	9.9	3.2	1.3	100.00
	1873.....	25.3	40.8	17.5	12.0	2.7	1.7	100.00
	1874.....	26.3	38.1	19.3	11.1	3.9	1.3	100.00

The most striking point in the above Table is the fact that the percentage of females between 20 and 25, married in 1874, was smaller than in any year mentioned. The percentage of males from 30 to 40 was larger than it has been since 1869, and that from 40 to 50 larger than it has been since 1870.

COLORED MARRIAGES.

In 1874, there were 80 marriages among colored persons in Rhode Island; this is 11 more than in 1873, and 4 more than in 1872.

Of the 80 marriages of colored persons in Rhode Island in 1874, there were 60 in the City of Providence, 7 in Newport, 2 in Scituate, and one each in Bristol, East Greenwich, Warwick,

Burrillville, East Providence, Foster, Johnston, Woonsocket, South Kingstown, Richmond and Westerly. In one marriage in Warwick the man was white and the woman colored, and in the words of the Statute, this marriage is "absolutely null and void, and the person joining them shall be subject to a penalty of two hundred dollars."

DIVORCES.

The number of applications for divorce, in 1874, was 276, and of these 242 were granted.

The following Table presents, for each county in the State, the number of applications for divorce, and the number granted, in 1874, with the cause or causes alleged. In Kent and Newport counties the statistics refer only to the applications granted; in the other counties it is probable that all have been included by the clerks of the court in making up their returns. The reader will bear in mind that each application generally embraces a number of charges.

COUNTIES.	Number of Applications.	Number Granted.	CAUSES ALLEGED.						
			Impotency.	Adultery.	Extreme Cruelty.	Wilful Desertion.	Continued Drunkenness.	Neglect to Provide Necessaries, &c.	Other Gross Misbehavior.
Bristol	12	10	.....	2	3	4	1	4	4
Kent	25	20	.....	5	2	2	4	7	.....
Newport	9	6	.....	2	6	1	.....	.....	.....
Providence	209	190	1	58	52	108	51	135	35
Washington	21	16	.....	2	1	4	5	7	.....
Whole State	276	242	1	60	64	119	61	153	59

It will be seen from this Table that, in the whole State, as in Providence county, the largest number of applications allege the neglect to provide necessaries; next comes wilful desertion, and then adultery, extreme cruelty and continued drunkenness. In

the other counties of the State, neglect to provide, &c., is the most frequent charge, and then comes extreme cruelty; adultery and wilful desertion are equally frequent, and then comes continued drunkenness.

The following Table presents the number of divorces granted in each county of the State, in each of the last six years, with the proportion to the number of marriages in each year.

YEARS.	Bristol County.		Kent County.		Newport County.		Prov. County.		Washing'n County.		Whole State.	
	Number of Divorces granted.	Number of Marriages to one divorce.	Number of Divorces granted.	Number of Marriages to one divorce.	Number of Divorces granted.	Number of Marriages to one divorce.	Number of Divorces granted.	Number of Marriages to one divorce.	Number of Divorces granted.	Number of Marriages to one divorce.	Number of Divorces granted.	Number of Marriages to one divorce.
1869.....	10	10.6	15	12.5	6	27.7	120	13.8	11	15.5	162	14.1
1870.....	3	27.7	18	11.8	6	26.3	152	11.3	21	9.3	200	11.8
1871.....	5	16.8	11	17.9	4	49.7	123	13.3	18	11.4	161	14.5
1872.....	8	10.2	13	15.7	8	22.9	149	12.6	22	8.9	200	12.7
1873.....	6	16.2	22	9.8	8	21.9	131	14.8	6	33.7	173	15.2
1874.....	10	8.9	20	8.0	6	29.0	190	10.0	16	11.6	242	10.5

We thus see that while the number of marriages in 1874, as has been stated, was larger than in any year, with the exception of 1873, the number of divorces granted was also much larger than in either of the years since these returns were made, and consequently the proportion of divorces to marriages is greatly increased. One divorce to every 10.5 marriages is certainly an alarming ratio for a State to present. It will be observed that in 1874, the proportion of divorces to marriages was increased in every county with the exception of Newport county, and this increase was most marked in Washington and Bristol counties. We do not care to repeat the arguments that have been brought forward in previous reports upon this subject; the mere statement of facts must be sufficient to point out to every thoughtful mind the tendency of such a state of public morals.

DEATHS, 1874.

There were 4,229 deaths reported in the State of Rhode Island in 1874. This is 174 less than in the preceding year, and 18 less than in 1872, but, with these exceptions, it is more than has been previously reported. In the City of Providence in 1874, there were 1,992 deaths, which is 250 more than in 1873; part of this increase is due to the enlargement of the bounds of the city in May of that year. A second result of this change of boundary lines is a diminution of 255 in the number of deaths in the towns of Providence county, in 1874, as compared with the preceding year. From the Table on page 51, we find that in 1874, the deaths in Bristol, Newport, and Washington counties, and in the towns of Providence county, were less than in either of the two preceding years; the deaths in Kent county in 1874 were 12 more than in 1873, and 31 less than in 1872. From the Table on page 50, we find that, in 1874, the deaths, in proportion to the population, were one in 61.1; in 1873 this proportion was one in 49.4, in 1872 one in 51.2, and in 1871 one in 65.1; so that the proportion of deaths in 1874 was smaller than in the two preceding years. It is to be remembered, however, in this connection, that the calculation for 1873, and the immediately preceding years, was based upon the census of 1870.

SEX OF DECEDENTS.

Of the 4,229 decedents in 1874, there were 2,111 males and 2,118 females.

The following Table shows the number and proportion of males and females among the decedents, and among the children born in Rhode Island, during the last twenty-two years:

DEATHS.	{ 10 years, 1853-1862...	10,830 males.....	11,269 females.....	or 96.9 males to 100 females.
	1863.....	1,621 males.....	1,586 females.....	or 102.2 males to 100 females.
	1864.....	1,635 males.....	1,727 females.....	or 94.5 males to 100 females.
	1865.....	1,686 males.....	1,719 females.....	or 98.1 males to 100 females.
	1866.....	1,497 males.....	1,473 females.....	or 101.6 males to 100 females.
	1867.....	1,442 males.....	1,447 females.....	or 99.7 males to 100 females.
	1868.....	1,413 males.....	1,499 females.....	or 94.3 males to 100 females.
	1869.....	1,616 males.....	1,686 females.....	or 100.6 males to 100 females.
	1870.....	1,588 males.....	1,650 females.....	or 96.2 males to 100 females.
	1871.....	1,621 males.....	1,723 females.....	or 94.1 males to 100 females.
	1872.....	2,118 males.....	2,129 females.....	or 99.4 males to 100 females.
	1873.....	2,166 males.....	2,257 females.....	or 95.5 males to 100 females.
	1874.....	2,111 males.....	2,118 females.....	or 99.7 males to 100 females.
	22 years.....	31,522 males.....	32,263 females.....	or 97.7 males to 100 females.

BIRTHS.	{ 10 years, 1853-1862...	18,377 males.....	17,260 females.....	or 106.4 males to 100 females.
	1863.....	1,892 males.....	1,788 females.....	or 105.8 males to 100 females.
	1864.....	1,949 males.....	1,942 females.....	or 100.3 males to 100 females.
	1865.....	2,096 males.....	1,857 females.....	or 112.9 males to 100 females.
	1866.....	2,546 males.....	2,356 females.....	or 108.1 males to 100 females.
	1867.....	2,655 males.....	2,464 females.....	or 107.7 males to 100 females.
	1868.....	2,745 males.....	2,627 females.....	or 104.5 males to 100 females.
	1869.....	2,685 males.....	2,560 females.....	or 104.9 males to 100 females.
	1870.....	2,679 males.....	2,536 females.....	or 105.6 males to 100 females.
	1871.....	2,878 males.....	2,800 females.....	or 102.8 males to 100 females.
	1872.....	3,085 males.....	3,058 females.....	or 100.9 males to 100 females.
	1873.....	3,135 males.....	2,887 females.....	or 108.6 males to 100 females.
	1874.....	3,311 males.....	3,155 females.....	or 104.9 males to 100 females.
	22 years.....	50,033 males.....	47,290 females.....	or 105.8 males to 100 females.

We see from the first of these Tables that, in 1874, the proportionate mortality of the sexes was more nearly equal than in any year since 1867, when it was the same; the proportion of males was somewhat larger than in 1873.

From the second Table above given we see that the proportion of males born in 1874 was less than in the preceding year, in very nearly the same ratio that the mortality had increased. Thus among males in 1874 there were 55 less deaths, and among females 119 less, while there were 176 more births among males, and 268 more among females, than in 1873.

SEX AND SEASON.

Table VI, on page 9, shows the sex of the decedents in each month in the year 1874, in each division of the State.

The following Table shows the number and percentage of deaths in Rhode Island, in each quarter of the last four years, and in the aggregate for eighteen years, viz.: from 1853-1870, inclusive:

SEASON.	1874.		1873.		1872.		1871.		1853-1870.	
	Number.	Percent.	Number.	Percent.	Number.	Percent.	Number.	Percent.	Number.	Percent.
January to March	977	23.10	1,048	23.80	885	20.84	821	24.55	11,030	23.16
April to June.....	1,045	24.71	1,070	24.30	908	21.38	695	20.79	9,983	20.96
July to September.....	1,185	28.02	1,276	28.98	1,470	34.61	1,003	29.99	14,720	30.91
October to December	1,022	24.17	1,009	22.92	984	23.17	825	24.67	11,890	24.97
Total.....	4,229	100.00	4,403	100.00	4,247	100.00	3,344	100.00	47,623	100.00

From this Table we see that, in 1874, the largest percentage of deaths occurred, as usual, in the third quarter, and the smallest percentage occurred in the first quarter of the year. The percentage of the third quarter was much less than in any of the last ten years, and less than the aggregate; the percentage of deaths in the first quarter was less than in the preceding year, but larger than in 1872; that of the second quarter was larger than in 1873, and much larger than in any one of the previous ten years, and larger than the aggregate; that of the fourth quarter, though larger than in the two preceding years, was smaller than in 1871, and smaller than the aggregate.

The Table below shows the number of deaths in each month, in the order of mortality, for each of the last four years :

1874.	1873.	1872.	1871.
August.....436	August.....463	July.....506	August.....347
September.....386	July.....418	August.....500	July.....340
April.....384	September.....396	September....464	September.....316
July.....363	May.....387	December.....342	December.....312
October.....359	January.....384	March.....332	March.....291
May.....353	April.....363	October.....329	February.....283
January.....351	March.....354	April.....324	October.....269
December.....339	December.....343	November.....318	January.....247
November.....324	October.....342	May.....310	November.....244
March.....320	February.....330	February.....297	April.....238
June.....309	November.....324	June.....274	May.....231
February.....306	June.....320	January.....256	June.....226

This Table shows that in 1874, as is generally the case, August takes the lead, although its mortality was considerably less than in the two preceding years; July, which is almost always second in this list, is the fourth month in mortality, and February has even a smaller mortality than June, and the smallest of any month. It will be observed that next to August there were, in

1873, three months, each of which had a larger mortality than the second on the list in 1874; there were also two months in 1874 which had a less mortality than any month in 1873. The comparison with 1872 is even more striking: the first three months, in point of mortality, exceeded any month of 1874, but between the third and fourth months of that year, there intervene seven months of 1874, and in that year there were three months with a mortality less than the least of 1874.

PARENTAGE OF THE DECEDENTS.

The parentage of the decedents in the State of Rhode Island, in 1874, determined by the birth-place of the *father* of the decedent, was as follows: American 2,282, foreign 1,947, total 4,229. Five towns only reported no decedents of foreign parentage. These were West Greenwich, Jamestown, Middletown, New Shoreham and Foster. Six towns reported each less than four decedents of foreign parentage, viz.: Barrington, Little Compton, Portsmouth, Tiverton, Charlestown, and Exeter. Four towns in Providence county reported more deaths of foreign than of American parentage; these were Cranston, Cumberland, North Smithfield, and Woonsocket; these towns also reported more births of foreign parentage than of American. In the City of Providence, in 1874, there were 214 more deaths of foreign, than of American parentage.

The following Table shows the number and percentage of the decedents of American and of foreign parentage in Rhode Island, in each of the last five years, and in the aggregate for seventeen years, from 1858-1874, inclusive:

PARENTAGE.	1874.		1873.		1872.		1871.		1870.		1858-1874.	
	Number.	Per cent.	Number.	Per cent.	Number.	Per cent.	Number.	Per cent.	Number.	Per cent.	Number.	Per cent.
American.....	2,282	54.10	2,611	59.30	2,293	53.99	1,880	56.22	1,799	55.55	31,685	57.94
Foreign.....	1,947	45.90	1,792	40.70	1,954	46.01	1,464	43.78	1,439	44.45	22,441	41.04
Not Stated.....											559	1.02
Total.....	4,229	100.00	4,403	100.00	4,247	100.00	3,344	100.00	3,238	100.00	54,685	100.00

From this Table we see that, in 1874, the percentage of decedents of American parentage was decidedly less than in 1873, and a trifle higher than in 1872, but considerably less than for the aggregate of seventeen years.

AGE OF DECEDENTS.

Table I gives the aggregate and average age of the decedents, in each town and division of the State, in 1874. The number of decedents of each sex, in each division of ages, is shown for each town in the State, in Table VII, beginning on page 10.

From Table I we find that the average age of all the males, who died in Rhode Island in 1874, was 28.03 years, and the average age of all the female decedents was 31.66 years. These numbers are considerable higher than those of the preceding year. The greatest average age, in any town in the State, was 59.96 years, in the town of Portsmouth; the least was 19.09 years, in the town of Lincoln. In three towns in the State, the average age was less than in the City of Providence. These were East Providence, Lincoln, and Woonsocket.

The following Table shows the average age of the decedents in each division of the State, in each of the last four years, and also in the aggregate for three periods of five years each, viz.: from 1858-1862, from 1863-1867, and from 1868-1872:

DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.	1874.	1873.	1872.	1871.	1868-1872. Five years	1863-1867. Five years	1858-1862. Five years
Bristol County	33.09	33.72	31.23	37.34	35.12	34.78	35.56
Kent County	32.06	38.50	33.10	36.28	34.77	35.81	32.15
Newport County	43.94	33.37	37.61	44.23	40.04	33.54	35.01
Providence County, Towns.....	28.66	24.50	26.90	30.65	25.26	29.16	28.44
Providence City	26.90	24.09	28.53	31.68	25.45	28.50	25.78
Washington County	40.78	41.29	40.10	39.64	39.67	30.87	34.21
Whole State	29.86	27.42	29.77	33.52	31.66	30.75	29.42

We see from this Table that, in 1874, the average age of the decedents was greater than in either of the three preceding years, or in the aggregate of the above periods. In Bristol, Kent, and Washington counties the average age of the decedents, in 1874,

was less than in the preceding year; in the other divisions of the State it was greater. In the towns of Providence county the average age was greater than in Providence City, and this was also the case in 1873. During the year four persons have died who have been reported to be over one hundred years of age. Two of these were in the town of Lincoln, and were females,—one of English parentage, aged 100 years, and one of American parentage aged 100 years 1 month and 4 days; the other two were of colored birth and will be referred to further on.

PERCENTAGE OF DECEDENTS AT DIFFERENT AGES.

The following Table shows the percentage of decedents, in each division of ages, in each of the last ten years, and in the aggregate for two periods,—one of ten years and seven months, from June 1st, 1852, to December 31st, 1862, inclusive, and one from 1863–1872, inclusive :

PERIODS OF LIFE.	1874.	1873.	1872.	1871.	1870.	1869.	1868.	1867.	1866.	1865.	10 yrs 1863– 1872.	10 yrs 7 ms. 1852– 1862.
Under 1 year.....	19.9	19.3	22.8	18.8	20.0	17.8	19.9	17.8	16.2	16.3	18.0	17.6
1 and under 2.....	7.8	9.2	8.0	6.1	7.2	8.1	7.5	6.5	7.6	9.1	7.8	9.8
2 and under 5.....	9.4	8.1	5.5	6.7	6.2	8.8	6.0	4.9	6.6	10.6	7.9	9.6
Total under 5.....	37.1	36.6	36.3	31.6	33.4	34.7	33.4	29.2	30.4	36.0	33.7	37.0
5 and under 10....	5.7	5.3	2.7	3.3	3.3	5.7	3.5	3.3	4.2	7.3	4.6	5.0
10 and under 20....	6.0	6.9	6.5	5.5	6.6	6.9	4.8	5.7	6.0	7.7	6.2	5.8
20 and under 30....	8.7	9.1	9.9	10.2	10.3	8.8	9.7	11.8	10.0	9.0	9.7	9.5
30 and under 40....	6.9	7.8	8.5	8.4	7.9	6.8	7.6	9.0	8.8	8.5	8.1	8.7
40 and under 50....	6.8	6.5	7.3	7.5	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.5	8.6	5.9	7.2	7.5
50 and under 60....	7.0	6.4	6.7	7.6	7.3	7.9	8.4	7.8	7.8	6.2	7.3	6.7
60 and under 70....	7.8	7.6	8.2	8.9	8.5	8.1	9.2	9.6	9.1	6.9	8.3	6.9
70 and under 80....	8.1	8.3	7.7	9.8	9.1	8.1	8.2	9.1	9.0	7.0	8.4	7.3
80 and under 90 ...	4.7	4.5	5.4	6.0	5.7	4.7	6.5	5.7	4.9	4.6	5.4	4.6
90 and over.....	1.2	1.0	0.8	1.2	0.8	0.9	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.0
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

We see from this Table that, in 1874, the percentage of deaths under one year, was larger than in the preceding year, and smaller than in 1872; that of decedents between 1 and 2 was smaller than in either of the two preceding years. The percentage

of decedents from 2 to 5 was larger than in any year since 1865, and that of decedents from 5 to 10 was larger than in any year since 1869. The increase in these two last periods is doubtless due to the mortality of scarlet fever. In each decade from 10 to 40, and in that from 70 to 80, in 1874, the percentage of decedents was less than in 1873; from 40 to 70 and upwards of 80 the percentage of 1874 is above that of the preceding year.

COLORED DECEDENTS.

The number of deaths among colored persons in Rhode Island, in 1874, was 151, or 9 less than in 1873. These deaths occurred in the different towns in the State as follows: Providence City 103, Newport 16, Westerly 7, Bristol and East Greenwich each 5, Warwick 3, Johnston and South Kingtown each 2; New Shoreham, Portsmouth, Cranston, Lincoln, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Charlestown, and North Kingstown each one.

Sex.—Of these deaths, 73 were of males, and 78 of females.

Season.—These deaths occurred in the different months of the year as follows:

January.....	7	August.....	9
February.....	9	September.....	13
March.....	9	October.....	14
April.....	15	November.....	10
May.....	18	December.....	15
June.....	19		—
July.....	13	Total.....	151

The *average age* of the colored decedents, in 1874, was as follows:

	Providence City.	Rest of State.	Whole State.
Males.....	26.87.....	30.19.....	27.83
Females.....	24.07.....	39.96.....	29.96

In Johnston, one female of colored birth, died at the reported age of 101 years, and in Providence one colored male whose age was reported as 107.

SUMMARY OF COLORED POPULATION.

The number of births, marriages and deaths among the colored population of Rhode Island, in the several divisions of the State, in 1874, as compared with the colored population by the census of 1875, is as follows:

COUNTIES.	Colored Popula- tion, 1875.	BIRTHS, 1874.		MARRIAGES, 1874.		DEATHS, 1874.	
		Number.	To popula- tion one birth in	Number.	To popula- tion one person married in	Number.	To popula- tion one death in
Bristol County.....	249	12	20.7	1	124.5	5	49.8
Kent County.....	365	10	36.5	2	91.2	8	45.6
Newport County.....	1,021	16	63.8	7	72.9	18	56.7
Providence County, Towns.....	423	6	70.5	7	30.2	6	70.5
Providence City.....	3,487	109	32.0	60	27.9	103	33.8
Washington County	726	17	42.7	8	121.0	11	33.0
Whole State.....	6,271	170	36.9	80	39.2	151	41.5

In 1873, there was one birth to every 31.5, one marriage to every 37.2, one death to every 32.1 of the colored population. Thus we see that, in 1874, there were fewer births, marriages and deaths among the colored population in proportion to their number. It may be here remarked that the colored population as given above, by the census of 1875, shows an increase of 1,137 over the census of 1870.

The following Table shows the number of births, marriages, and deaths, among the colored population of Rhode Island, in each of the last fourteen years :

1861.....	97 births	30 marriages.....	109 deaths.
1862.....	96 births.....	23 marriages.....	90 deaths.
1863.....	73 births.....	68 marriages.....	104 deaths.
1864.....	69 births.....	35 marriages.....	121 deaths.
1865.....	87 births.....	51 marriages.....	129 deaths.
1866.....	124 births.....	65 marriages.....	123 deaths.
1867.....	144 births.....	61 marriages	105 deaths.
1868.....	147 births.....	84 marriages.....	111 deaths.
1869.....	136 births	70 marriages.....	133 deaths.
1870.....	158 births.....	70 marriages.....	128 deaths.
1871.....	146 births.....	64 marriages.....	116 deaths.
1872.....	171 births.....	76 marriages.....	184 deaths.
1873.....	163 births.....	69 marriages.....	160 deaths.
1874.....	170 births.....	80 marriages	151 deaths.
Total.....	1,781 births.....	846 marriages	1,764 deaths.

It is evident that in but one year preceding, were there as many births and marriages as in 1874. The number of deaths were less than in either of the two years preceding. In 1874 the births exceeded the deaths by 19, and for the period of fourteen years

this excess was 17. Comparing this statement with that of previous reports, it will be found that to a gradually diminishing excess of deaths over births, there has succeeded, among the colored population, the above excess of births over deaths.

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1874.

The whole number of deaths in Rhode Island in 1874, as has already been stated, was 4,229. In Tables VIII, IX, and X, we have given the sex, age, and parentage of the decedents from each cause of death, together with the number from each cause, in each month of the year, and the percentage of mortality from each cause, and from each class of causes, in each division of the State.

We are glad to find in the returns for 1874, a still farther reduction in the number of deaths from unknown causes. There were 152 cases of death reported as unknown, including 2 cases of sudden death. In 1873 there were 217 deaths thus reported with 5 cases of sudden death, and in 1872, 376 deaths from unknown causes with also 5 sudden deaths.

The following Table shows the whole number of deaths reported in 1874, in each division of the State, and the number and proportion of the deaths in each division, for which no cause was assigned :

	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County, Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.	Whole State.
Number of Deaths.....	162	269	238	1,292	1,092	276	4,229
Cause not stated.....	3	17	17	75	27	13	152
One in.....	54.0	15.2	14.0	17.2	73.7	21.2	27.8

The following Table shows the number of deaths reported as unknown, for each division of the State, and for the whole State in each of the last twelve years :

YEARS.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County, Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.	Whole State.
1863, one in.....	16.5	11.2	25.5	6.9	46.7	24.7	14.7
1864, "	57 0	12.6	11.6	8.5	45.7	47.6	16.1
1865, "	64.3	27.4	13.4	8.2	55.0	32.9	16.4
1866, "	163.0	11.4	22.4	9.5	45.0	23.3	17.3
1867, "		13.6	34.5	7.4	64.0	14.3	14.8
1868, "	33.2	5.0	20.3	5.2	46.2	10.1	10.1
1869, "	41.2	5.8	52.8	5.3	83.6	16.1	11.3
1870, "		19.3	23.6	11.8	90.2	26.9	23.6
1871, "	151.0	81.2	7.9	8.4	83.6	9.8	13.0
1872, "	13.3	5.8	10.0	6.8	72.8	9.8	11.3
1873, "		16.0	25.4	9.8	102.5	27.5	20.3
1874, "	54.0	15.2	14.0	17.2	73.7	21.2	27.8

We thus see that, in the whole State, the proportion of deaths returned as unknown is very much less than in any previous year. The greatest improvement has been made in the towns of Providence county, where hitherto the dereliction has been most marked. We observe a rather marked increase in 1874 in the deaths from unknown causes in Newport County. We trust that the improvement generally observed in the returns for this year, will continue to be manifest, until the proportion of deaths thus recorded is still farther reduced.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

The following Table gives the thirteen principal causes death in Rhode Island, with the number reported from each cause, in each of the last three years, and in the aggregate for nineteen years and seven months, from June 1st, 1852, to December 31st, 1871 :

1874.	1873.	1872.	June 1st, 1852, to Dec. 31st. 1871—19 yrs 7 mos.
Whole Number..4,229	Whole Number..4,403	Whole Number..4,247	Whole Number. 51 635
Consumption..... 529	Consumption. ... 580	Consumption..... 587	Consumption... 8,955
Scarlatina..... 462	Scarlatina..... 287	Cholera Infantum 391	Old Age..... 2,783
Cholera Infantum 263	Cholera Infantum 285	Old Age..... 233	Pneumonia..... 2,758
Pneumonia and Conges. Lungs. 250	Old Age..... 54	Pneumonia..... 229	Cholera Infan- tum..... 2,234
Old Age..... 223	Pneumonia and Conges. Lungs. 234	Fever, Typhoid, &c..... 225	Scarlatina..... 2,220
Diseases of Heart, 214	Fever, Typhoid, &c..... 212	Heart, Diseases of 189	Fevers, Typhoid, &c..... 1,939
Apoplexy and Pa- ralysis..... 156	Heart. Diseases of 189	Apoplexy and Pa- ralysis..... 125	Dysentery 1,818
Fevers Typhoid, &c..... 146	Accidents (vari- ous)..... 138	Convulsions and Fits 120	Heart, Dis. of... 1,703
Accidents (all kinds)..... 120	Apoplexy and Pa- ralysis..... 134	Accidents, (vari- ous)..... 116	Apoplexy and Paralysis..... 1,652
Convulsions and Fits..... 95	Cancer (all kinds) 106	Diarrhœa..... 100	Accidents (all kinds)..... 1,599
Cancer (all kinds) 87	Convulsions and Fits..... 97	Cancer (all kinds) 95	Croup..... 1,101
Croup..... 65	Croup 68	Dysentery..... 83	Convulsions and Fits..... 1,045
Diphtheria ... 59	Measles..... 63	Croup..... 66	Hydrocephalus, 909

We see from this Table that in 1874 the deaths from Consumption, Cholera Infantum, Old Age, Fevers and Accidents have diminished as compared with 1873. There was a large increase in the number of deaths from Scarlatina, it being by far the largest ever reported. There was also an increase in the deaths from Pneumonia, Diseases of the Heart, and Apoplexy and Paralysis. Diphtheria in 1874 takes the place of Measles in 1873, and it is the first time since 1866 that this disease has appeared among the thirteen principal causes of death. In 1866 the deaths from this disease were 64; there were 57 in 1871, and this is the largest number in any one year since 1866 up to the present report. The uniformity in the number of deaths from Croup during the last three years is a striking fact in the above Table.

We may as well mention here that, in 1874, there were but eight deaths from Small Pox in Rhode Island. In the preceding year there were 28. We thus have new testimony to the zeal and faithfulness of the officers of health in the different towns in the

State, in protecting the inhabitants from this disease. It proves beyond doubt that vaccination under their auspices is thoroughly and carefully performed.

The following Table shows the sex, parentage, and ages of the decedents, with the season and locality of their deaths, in connection with sixteen of the most important causes of death, in Rhode Island, in 1874.

DEATHS IN RHODE ISLAND, 1874.

Sixteen Principal Causes.

	Accidents.	Apoplexy and Paralysis.	Cancer.	Cholera Infantum.	Consumption.	Croup.	Diarrhoea.	Diphtheria.	Dysentery.	Rever, Typhoid, &c.	Heart, Diseases of.	Whooping Cough.	Measles.	Old Age.	Pneumonia and Congestion of Lungs.	Scarlatina.
Whole Number of Deaths	120	156	87	265	529	65	65	59	38	146	214	45	7	223	250	462
{ Males	100	84	23	140	242	39	31	30	19	69	109	14	4	80	118	231
	20	72	64	125	287	26	34	29	19	77	105	31	3	143	132	231
{ American	49	120	67	115	263	38	31	37	20	75	150	17	6	160	143	176
	71	36	20	150	266	27	34	22	18	71	64	28	1	63	107	286
{ Foreign	10	14	8	1	49	10	1	5	3	10	23	4	1	23	21	57
	8	13	6	...	48	3	1	6	1	3	21	3	1	8	23	55
January	9	13	8	5	35	10	...	2	...	7	25	3	...	11	26	45
February	8	5	10	2	53	5	4	1	...	5	14	7	3	30	45	50
March	15	25	11	2	48	4	4	3	1	8	13	5	...	18	32	42
April	10	8	4	9	39	...	1	8	1	6	16	5	1	15	11	63
May	12	15	4	64	48	2	15	6	2	...	25	1	...	16	9	27
June	15	10	3	94	44	1	13	2	15	15	11	6	1	24	8	20
July	11	9	10	63	38	6	15	4	10	21	12	6	...	21	10	18
August	4	14	14	16	42	3	9	11	4	29	14	2	...	18	17	25
September	7	13	4	5	36	12	2	8	...	21	19	2	...	18	20	24
October	11	17	5	4	49	9	...	3	1	21	21	3	...	21	28	36
November																
December																

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DEATHS IN RHODE ISLAND, 1874, &c.—CONTINUED.

	Accidents.	Apoplexy and Paralysis.	Cancer.	Cholera Infantum.	Consumption.	Croup.	Diarrhea.	Diphtheria.	Dysentery.	Fever, Typhoid, &c.	Heart, Diseases of.	Whooping Cough.	Measles.	Old Age.	Pneumonia and Congestion of Lungs.	Scarlatina.
Whole Number of Deaths	120	156	87	265	529	65	65	59	38	146	214	45	7	223	250	462
Ages.	Under 5 years.....	30	....	265	29	56	50	33	27	15	3	44	4	....	76	298
	5 and under 10....	13	....	....	5	8	....	21	1	6	5	....	1	....	9	122
	10 " " 15....	9	....	....	3	1	....	....	....	14	7	....	....	....	4	27
	15 " " 20....	6	1	....	53	....	....	2	....	29	5	....	....	....	6	9
	20 " " 30....	20	2	....	141	....	1	1	....	37	16	....	1	....	17	5
	30 " " 40....	9	4	....	97	....	3	1	1	10	26	....	1	....	17	1
	40 " " 50....	10	9	....	79	....	4	1	2	6	21	....	....	....	25	....
	50 " " 60....	11	30	....	61	....	....	....	....	11	27	....	....	....	21	....
	60 " " 70....	6	39	....	32	....	3	....	1	8	50	....	....	8	40	....
	70 " " 80....	5	40	....	24	....	3	....	4	7	40	....	....	58	27	....
	80 and over.....	1	25	....	4	....	1	....	2	3	12	....	....	157	8	....
	Not stated.....	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	1	....	....	....	....
Locality.	Bristol County.....	1	14	4	18	....	....	2	2	3	6	....	....	14	6	27
	Kent County.....	7	10	12	32	10	4	11	3	14	6	1	....	20	13	17
	Newport County....	13	16	5	26	1	2	4	1	4	28	2	1	29	7	1
	Prov. Co., Towns....	32	42	84	139	24	8	15	14	55	50	14	....	61	73	133
	Providence City....	55	59	134	270	29	50	20	17	60	106	28	4	71	136	268
	Washington County.	12	15	26	44	1	1	7	1	10	18	....	2	28	15	16

ACCIDENTS.

We find, in 1874, that 120 deaths are reported from accidents, including 5 from poisoning, and 39 from drowning. In 1873, there were 138 deaths from accident, and of that number 14 were from drowning, and also in that year 5 from poisoning. In 1874, there were 16 deaths, as in 1873, from railroad accidents; with one exception these were all of foreigners, and, with three exceptions, above 20 years of age. Of the whole number of deaths from accident, more than half were of foreign birth, and one-quarter were under 5 years of age.

SCARLATINA.

It has already been stated that the number of deaths from this disease (462) in 1874, is the largest ever reported. More than *ten per cent.* of the entire mortality was from this cause. The deaths were equally divided between the sexes, and sixty-two per cent. were among those of foreign parentage. As in 1873, sixty per cent. of the mortality from this cause occurred in children under 5 years of age. In the period from 5 to 10 there were 122 deaths, or more than twenty-five per cent. Six persons over 20 years of age died from this cause. The largest number of monthly deaths from this cause was 63 in June, and the next largest 57 in January; in the preceding month, December, 1873, the deaths from scarlet fever were 58. Thus at the commencement of the year, there was a gradual diminution in the monthly mortality from this cause, with the exception of April. After the maximum, in June, the mortality from scarlatina dropped down to the minimum monthly mortality, 18 in September, and again rose to 36 in December.

The following Table shows the whole number of deaths, and the number of deaths from scarlatina, with the proportion of the whole number in each of the divisions of the State, in 1874 :

	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County, Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.	Whole State.
Whole Number of Deaths.....	162	269	238	1,292	1 992	276	4,229
Deaths from Scarlatina.....	27	17	1	133	268	16	402
One in	6.0	15.8	238.0	9.7	7.1	1.7	9.2

We thus see that the weight of this epidemic, if it may be so called, continuing as it did throughout the entire year, fell upon the city and county of Providence. The entire immunity of Newport county is worthy of special notice.

The following Table presents, for each of the last twenty years, the whole number of deaths, the number from Scarlatina, with the percentage of the whole number, the sex and parentage, (so far as possible,) of the decedents, and the number of decedents in each division of the State :

YEARS.	Whole Number of Deaths.	SCARLATINA.											
		Number of Deaths.	Per cent.	SEX.		PARENT'GE.		DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.					
				Males.	Females.	American.	Foreign.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County, Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.
1855.....	1,846	71	3.8	41	30	.....	.....	22	.....	1	6	42	.....
1856.....	2,042	208	10.2	109	99	.....	.....	3	1	3	57	144	.....
1857.....	2,325	147	6.3	69	78	.....	.....	.....	20	47	47	32	1
1858.....	2,616	234	8.9	118	116	.....	.....	5	11	75	61	72	10
1859.....	2,270	71	3.1	34	37	.....	.....	5	2	4	14	45	1
1860.....	2,686	14	2.4	31	33	.....	.....	4	3	7	17	17	16
1861.....	2,927	57	1.9	24	33	.....	.....	2	2	7	9	28	9
1862.....	2,591	47	1.8	25	22	.....	.....	3	4	3	19	14	4
1863.....	3,207	91	2.8	40	51	.....	.....	1	.....	23	24	33	10
1864.....	3,360	266	8.0	120	146	.....	.....	1	19	19	80	141	6
65.....	3,405	255	7.5	130	125	134	121	33	17	3	86	108	8
866.....	2,970	28	0.9	15	13	12	16	5	.....	8	12	3	.....
1867.....	2,889	14	0.5	6	8	10	4	1	.....	1	2	10	.....
1868.....	2,912	93	3.2	47	46	32	61	2	3	3	34	50	1
1869.....	3,382	286	8.4	126	160	128	158	17	23	12	72	138	24
1870.....	3,238	75	2.3	37	38	28	47	1	6	3	22	35	8
1871.....	3,344	66	1.9	41	25	31	35	1	3	1	27	21	13
1872.....	4,247	53	1.2	22	31	22	31	.....	1	4	27	19	2
1873.....	4,406	287	6.5	124	163	163	124	4	2	42	80	132	27
1874.....	4,229	462	10.9	231	231	176	286	27	17	1	133	268	16
Total.....	60,889	2,875	4.7	1,390	1,485	736	883	137	134	267	829	1,352	156

Of 1,976 deaths from Scarlatina from 1863—1874, inclusive, 1,163 were of children under 5 years of age.

We see by the above Table that in no year has the number of deaths, or the percentage of mortality, from Scarlet Fever, been as large as in 1874, and also that the deaths from this cause in the city and county of Providence were larger than in any previous year.

The following Table shows the proportion of deaths from Scarlatina, to the whole number of deaths, in each division of the State, for the last twenty years :

	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County, Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.	Whole State.
Whole Number of Deaths, 20 years.	3,098	4,800	6,332	18,730	23,776	4,133	60,889
Deaths from Scarlatina.....	137	134	267	829	1,352	156	2,875
One in	22.6	35.8	23.7	22.6	17.6	26.6	21.2

We thus see that, for a period of twenty years, the largest proportionate mortality from this cause has been in the City of Providence, and the smallest in Kent county. It is worthy of notice that, for this period, Bristol county presents the same proportionate mortality as the towns of Providence county.

In the preceding report we presented a Table showing the proportionate mortality from Scarlatina, in each division of the State, at six periods when the deaths from this cause were the most numerous. We append it below, with the additional record of 1874 :

PROPORTIONATE MORTALITY FROM SCARLATINA.

YEARS.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County, Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.	Whole State.
1856, one in	48.7	100.0	89.3	7.0	7.4	.....	9.8
1858, one in	25.6	21.3	4.6	11.8	14.1	18.1	11.2
1864, one in	171.0	14.6	21.4	12.3	9.1	39.7	12.6
1865, one in	6.0	14.5	121.0	13.1	11.2	10.9	13.5
1869, one in	9.9	13.5	22.0	17.0	9.0	10.7	11.8
1873, one in	43.2	128.5	9.0	19.3	13.2	11.2	15.3
1874, one in	6.0	15.8	238.0	9.7	7.1	1.7	9.2

The idea is gaining ground among sanitarians that Scarlatina is one of the preventable diseases, that, like typhoid fever and diphtheria, it owes its origin to unfavorable conditions of cleanliness, coming under the class designated by a late English writer as "filth diseases;" that from such an origin it spreads alike through the abodes of the rich and the poor. If such is the fact, it would afford some grounds for the hope that, by a still more vigorous police inspection, the large rate of mortality of 1874, would not again be repeated.

CHOLERA INFANTUM.

The number of deaths from Cholera Infantum in Rhode Island, in 1874, was 265, or 20 less than in 1873, and 126 less than in 1872. Of the whole number of (265) deaths in 1874, 115 were of American, and 150 of foreign parentage; 140 were males and 125 females; 199 were under one year of age, and 62 between one and two years. Of these deaths 134 occurred in the City of Providence.

The following Table shows the number of deaths from Cholera Infantum, for each of the last ten years, with the sex and parentage of the decedents, and the number in each division of the State :

YEARS.	CHOLERA INFANTUM.									
	Number of Deaths.	SEX.		PARENT ^{GE} .		DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.				
		Male.	Female.	American.	Foreign.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County, Towns.	Providence City.
1865.....	145	63	82	61	84	17	7	14	48	50
1866.....	110	67	43	50	60	1	7	8	39	47
1867.....	117	64	53	62	55	4	3	7	45	49
1868.....	154	85	69	66	88	13	4	12	44	70
1869.....	151	81	70	79	72	6	15	6	48	65
1870.....	213	106	107	95	118	15	15	13	69	93
1871.....	172	85	87	82	90	14	12	12	59	62
1872.....	391	195	196	167	224	16	16	21	157	151
1873.....	285	148	137	165	120	17	14	16	120	99
1874.....	265	140	125	115	150	4	12	5	84	134
Total.....	2,003	1,034	969	942	1,061	107	105	114	713	820

We find from this summary that, of the whole number of deaths from Cholera Infantum in ten years, 51.6 per cent. were males, and 53.4 per cent. were of foreign parentage. Of the whole number, 57.4 per cent. died under one year of age. As to locality, we find that 40.9 per cent. were in the City of Providence, and 35.6 per cent. in the towns of Providence county, leaving but 23.5 per cent. for the rest of the State.

CONSUMPTION.

The number of deaths from Consumption in Rhode Island, in 1874, was 529, or 51 less than in the previous year.

The following Table shows the total number of deaths from *all known causes*, with the number and percentage from Consumption, in the several divisions of the State, in each of the last ten years, and in the aggregate for fifteen years, viz. : from 1860-1874 :

CONSUMPTION.—NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE.

COUNTIES.	1874.	1873.	1872.	1871.	1870.	1869.	1868.	1867.	1866.	1865.	Total 15 yrs.
BRISTOL COUNTY.											
Total Deaths.....	159	173	184	150	146	165	129	144	162	190	2,205
Consumption.....	18	16	23	16	26	26	21	18	31	20	317
Percentage.....	11.32	9.25	12.50	10.67	17.81	15.76	16.28	12.50	19.13	10.52	14.37
KENT COUNTY.											
Total Deaths.....	252	241	248	281	238	365	168	214	198	238	3,452
Consumption.....	32	42	33	63	46	50	38	56	41	41	678
Percentage.....	12.80	17.43	13.27	22.42	19.71	18.87	22.62	26.17	20.70	17.22	19.64
NEWPORT COUNTY.											
Total Deaths.....	221	366	262	214	271	259	289	302	342	336	4,622
Consumption.....	26	44	29	23	37	40	43	47	52	51	662
Percentage.....	11.76	12.02	11.07	10.75	13.65	15.44	14.88	15.56	15.18	15.15	14.32
PROV. CO., TOWNS.											
Total Deaths.....	1,217	1,389	1,331	989	964	912	779	902	883	990	14,113
Consumption.....	139	197	221	195	172	180	158	210	171	190	2,601
Percentage.....	11.42	14.18	16.60	19.72	17.84	19.64	20.28	23.28	19.36	19.19	18.43
PROVIDENCE CITY.											
Total Deaths.....	1,965	1,725	1,581	1,239	1,249	1,240	1,086	945	1,013	1,189	18,528
Consumption.....	270	230	242	195	238	210	214	189	200	191	3,176
Percentage.....	13.74	13.33	15.31	15.74	19.05	16.93	19.70	20.00	19.74	16.06	17.22
WASHINGTON COUNTY.											
Total Deaths.....	263	292	265	222	233	241	173	187	201	255	3,414
Consumption.....	44	51	49	35	56	43	38	39	28	54	608
Percentage.....	16.73	17.47	18.11	15.76	24.03	17.84	21.96	20.86	13.93	21.16	17.74
WHOLE STATE.											
Total Deaths.....	4,077	4,186	3,871	3,095	3,101	3,082	2,624	2,694	2,799	3,198	46,494
Consumption.....	529	580	597	527	575	549	512	559	523	547	8,043
Percentage.....	12.97	13.86	15.42	17.03	18.54	17.81	19.40	20.74	18.68	16.95	17.29

By the above Table it will be seen that the percentage of the deaths from Consumption, as compared with those of all known causes, was less in 1874 than in any previous year, and it is still more gratifying to find that, for seven years, with a single exception, there has been a constant reduction in this percentage.

The following Table shows the population of the State, the number of deaths from Consumption, and the number to each 1,000 of the population in the given years :

YEARS.	POPULATION.	DEATHS FROM CONSUMPTION.
1860.....	174,619	503..... or 2.88 to each 1,000 inhabitants.
1865.....	184,965	547..... or 2.96 to each 1,000 inhabitants.
1870.....	217,353	575..... or 2.69 to each 1,000 inhabitants.
1874.....	258,239	529..... or 2.05 to each 1,000 inhabitants.

We have selected the above years because, with the exception of 1874, they are years in which a census of the State has been taken. The succeeding report will present a more fair comparison so far as the census of 1875 is concerned, but we think it is quite evident that a diminution in the mortality of Consumption has taken place. It is probable that, with increased knowledge as to hygienic laws and increased attention to the surroundings of our houses, the rate of mortality from this disease will still continue to diminish.

PNEUMONIA AND CONGESTION OF THE LUNGS.

There were 250 deaths reported from these causes in Rhode Island in 1874, or 16 more than in 1873, and the largest number previously reported from these causes.

The following Table shows, for each of the last ten years, the whole number of deaths, the number from these causes, with the percentage of the whole number, the sex and parentage of the decedents, and the number in each division of the State :

YEARS.	Whole Number of Deaths.	PNEUMONIA AND CONGESTION OF THE LUNGS.											
		Number of Deaths.	Per cent.	SEX.		PARENT ^G		DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.					
				Males.	Females.	American.	Foreign.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County, Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.
1865.....	3,405	175	5.1	80	95	110	65	8	11	21	49	74	12
1866.....	2,970	193	6.5	94	99	127	66	13	17	13	59	81	10
1867.....	2,889	172	5.9	68	104	103	69	8	12	12	56	68	16
1868.....	2,912	191	6.6	99	92	120	71	9	5	16	54	92	15
1869.....	3,382	190	5.6	104	86	110	80	7	10	10	63	88	12
1870.....	3,238	182	5.6	102	80	96	86	6	12	15	55	78	16
1871.....	3,314	218	6.5	104	114	129	89	12	21	11	68	85	21
1872.....	4,247	229	5.4	119	110	125	104	11	1	9	74	120	14
1873.....	4,403	234	5.3	127	107	143	91	11	9	10	65	123	16
1874.....	4,229	250	5.9	118	132	143	107	6	13	7	73	136	15
Total.....	35,019	2,034	5.8	1,015	1,019	1,206	828	91	111	124	616	945	147

And the following Table shows the ages of the decedents from these diseases, in each of the same years :

YEARS.	Under 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 & over.	Not stated.
1865.....	65	4	2	...	14	11	15	17	21	21	5	...
1866.....	57	4	4	5	12	10	14	21	25	32	9	...
1867.....	57	9	2	3	10	11	13	16	25	13	12	1
1868.....	70	4	3	3	15	8	16	13	19	27	13	...
1869.....	64	11	1	2	11	12	9	28	25	16	11	...
1870.....	84	6	5	4	6	7	8	14	20	19	8	1
1871.....	71	7	2	7	10	17	16	16	35	17	19	1
1872.....	83	5	1	7	17	20	19	22	24	19	11	1
1873.....	105	4	8	3	10	14	16	17	24	23	10	...
1874.....	76	9	4	6	17	17	25	21	40	27	8	...
Total.....	732	63	32	40	122	127	151	185	258	214	106	4

We see from these Tables that, although the mortality from these causes, in 1874, was considerably larger than in either of the

previous years, the percentage of mortality has been greater in two or three years. The proportion of deaths among females was greater than it has been for several years, and there was quite an increase in the deaths among the foreign population, as compared with 1873. It will be observed that the number of deaths, of American parentage, was the same as in 1873. The chief increase occurred in the city and county of Providence. From the second of the above Tables we find that, in 1874, the number of children dying of Pneumonia was much smaller than in 1873, while there was an increase in every decade from 20 to 80, it being specially marked in the decade from 60 to 70. Attention has already been drawn, under the head of Meteorology, to the fact that 45 of the deaths from Pneumonia occurred in the month of April, which, it was stated, was the coldest April in forty-three years, and this number of deaths was the largest ever reported in any one month from this cause. More than 30 per cent. of the whole number of deaths from this cause occurred in the two months of April and May.

Looking at the total number of deaths from these causes for ten years, as given in the above Table, we find that the percentage of mortality is nearly the same as that of 1874. The equality of the sexes is quite remarkable. Of the whole number of deaths from these causes, 36 per cent. were under five years of age, and more than 75 per cent. were in the city and county of Providence, 46 per cent. being in the city alone.

DISEASES OF THE HEART.

The following Table shows, for each of the last ten years, the whole number of deaths, the number of deaths from these diseases, with the percentage of the whole number, the sex and parentage of the decedents, and the number in each division of the State :

YEARS.	Whole Number of Deaths.	DISEASES OF THE HEART.											
		Number of Deaths.	Per cent.	SEX.		PARENT'GE.		DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.					
				Males.	Females.	American.	Foreign.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County, Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.
1865.....	3,405	98	2.88	51	47	65	33	6	5	8	27	47	5
1866.....	2,970	115	3.87	58	57	90	25	7	8	10	41	40	9
1867.....	2,889	114	3.94	67	47	81	33	4	9	7	37	49	8
1868.....	2,912	116	3.96	58	58	79	37	5	8	12	35	52	4
1869.....	3,382	128	3.78	75	53	79	49	2	13	11	36	62	4
1870.....	3,238	117	3.61	77	40	77	40	4	10	8	35	56	1
1871.....	3,344	144	4.30	78	66	91	53	4	7	8	42	77	6
1872.....	4,247	189	4.45	104	85	119	70	5	9	10	59	93	13
1873.....	4,403	189	4.29	83	106	122	67	4	11	14	48	101	11
1874.....	4,229	214	5.06	109	105	150	64	6	6	28	50	106	18
Total.....	35,019	1,424	4.06	790	664	953	471	47	86	116	410	686	79

The following Table shows the ages of the decedents from these diseases, in each of the same years :

YEARS.									
	Under 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 & over.	Not stated.
1865.....	14	4	6	7	22	17	19	9....	
1866.....	18	8	14	17	10	23	21	4....	
1867.....	11	11	10	13	22	16	27	4....	
1868.....	15	5	13	11	14	28	25	5....	
1869.....	21	4	14	18	20	22	21	7	1
1870.....	19	6	11	13	20	21	23	3	1
1871.....	9	12	10	19	23	36	28	6	1
1872.....	27	12	22	19	31	36	29	13....	
1873.....	19	11	28	18	25	35	42	9	2
1874.....	20	16	26	21	27	50	40	12	2
Total.....	173	89	154	156	214	284	275	72	7

We observe, by these Tables, that the deaths in 1874 from these diseases were more numerous than in any previous year,

and the percentage of the entire mortality was greater. There were 25 more deaths under these heads than in 1873, and this increase is entirely among males and among those of American parentage; indeed, there is a diminution in the number of females, and of those of foreign parentage dying from these causes. There was quite an increase in the number of deaths from 60 to 70 years of age; in the earlier periods of life there are but slight variations.

Looking at the total for ten years, we find that, of these deaths, 53 per cent. are of males, and 67 per cent. of American parentage. About 48 per cent. of these deaths were in the City of Providence, and nearly 40 per cent. were in the period of life from 60 to 80.

APOPLEXY AND PARALYSIS.

There were 156 deaths from Apoplexy and Paralysis in Rhode Island, in 1874, or 22 more than in the preceding year.

The following Table shows, for each of the last ten years, the whole number of deaths, the number of deaths from these causes, with the percentage of the whole number, the sex and parentage of the decedents, and the number in each division of the State:

YEARS.	Whole Number of Deaths.	APOPLEXY AND PARALYSIS.											
		Number of Deaths.	Per cent.	SEX.		PARENT ^{GE} .		DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.					
				Males.	Females.	American.	Foreign.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County, Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.
1865.....	3,405	100	2.93	52	48	81	19	9	8	14	23	38	8
1866.....	2,970	92	3.09	46	46	80	12	8	5	17	24	29	9
1867.....	2,889	124	4.29	59	65	101	23	9	9	13	35	49	9
1868.....	2,912	111	3.81	56	55	86	25	9	6	19	27	46	4
1869.....	3,382	117	3.46	55	62	92	25	12	13	18	20	48	6
1870.....	3,238	130	4.32	68	62	105	25	14	10	10	39	52	5
1871.....	3,344	156	4.66	73	83	113	43	10	17	15	40	61	13
1872.....	4,247	125	2.97	62	63	96	29	17	9	10	27	52	10
1873.....	4,403	134	3.04	59	75	109	25	9	8	17	26	57	17
1874.....	4,229	156	3.69	84	72	120	36	14	10	16	42	59	15
Total.....	35,019	1,245	3.55	614	631	983	262	111	95	149	303	491	96

The following Table shows the ages of the decedents from these diseases, in each of the same years :

YEARS.	PERIODS OF LIFE.							
	Under 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 & over. Not stated.
1865 .....	...	3	5	6	19	20	28	19....
1866	1	1	7	16	9	24	27	7....
1867	2	...	6	6	15	38	40	17....
1868	2	3	3	11	16	27	31	16 2
1869	1	1	5	12	20	28	34	13 1
1870	4	1	10	9	12	33	41	20....
1871	3	4	7	14	21	46	45	15 1
1872	1	4	5	17	20	26	41	11....
1873	2	3	4	14	22	35	37	16 1
1874	1	2	9	9	30	39	40	25 1
Total.....	17	22	61	114	184	316	364	161 6

We observe by the above Tables that the increase in the deaths from these causes was among males ; the number of deaths was the same as in 1871, but then the relations of the sexes were reversed. The increase, in 1874, was evenly divided as to parentage, although, as heretofore, a far larger number of the decedents from these causes are of American parentage. The increase of 1874 was chiefly in the towns of Providence county, there being but two more than in 1873 in the City of Providence. In the periods of life there are, as compared with 1873, but slight variations up to the decade of 50 years, and the most marked differences are in the two periods from 50 to 60, and upwards of 80.

From the total we find that, in ten years, the sexes are quite evenly divided, and almost 80 per cent. were of American parentage. More than one-fourth of the number of deaths from this cause occurred in the decade from 70 to 80, and more than one-third of the whole number of deaths were in the City of Providence.

TYPHOID FEVER.

In 1874, there were 117 deaths from Typhoid Fever reported in the State of Rhode Island. There were no deaths from Typhus Fever. The number of deaths from Typhoid Fever is much less than in 1873, when 165 were reported.

The following Table shows the whole number of deaths, the number from Typhoid and Typhus Fever, with the percentage of the whole number, the sex and parentage of the decedents, and the number in each division of the State, for each of the last ten years :

YEARS.	Whole Number of Deaths.	FEVER—TYPHOID AND TYPHUS.											
		Number of Deaths.	Per cent.	SEX.		PARENT'GE.		DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.					
				Males.	Females.	American.	Foreign.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County, Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.
1865.....	3,405	229	6.4	114	115	149	80	8	17	22	82	79	21
1866.....	2,970	150	5.0	73	77	82	68	7	5	32	54	45	7
1867.....	2,889	119	4.1	60	59	84	35	9	10	17	47	31	
1868.....	2,912	84	2.9	45	39	57	27	4	5	7	30	23	15
1869.....	3,382	101	3.0	53	48	79	22	7	7	1	37	33	16
1870.....	3,238	153	4.7	66	87	80	73	5	11	14	57	49	17
1871.....	3,344	125	3.7	60	65	69	56	2	8	10	41	51	13
1872.....	4,247	179	4.2	87	92	91	88	4	12	6	75	65	17
1873.....	4,403	172	3.9	73	99	113	59	4	9	9	61	56	33
1874.....	4,229	117	2.8	57	60	56	61	1	10	3	37	58	8
Total.....	35,019	1,429	4.1	688	741	860	569	51	94	121	521	490	152

The following Table shows the ages of the decedents from these diseases, in each of the same years :

YEARS.	PERIODS OF LIFE.									
	Under 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 & over.
1865.....	35	18	46	54	30	14	18	7	5	2....
1866.....	23	10	21	26	21	16	9	14	10	.....
1867.....	17	6	23	33	12	11	8	4	2	2 1
1868.....	10		10	21	8	8	10	4	5	.....
1869.....	10	8	14	28	9	7	9	8	6	2....
1870.....	15	13	28	39	16	20	7	7	6	1....
1871.....	13	10	20	28	18	16	9	4	5	2....
1872.....	17	18	34	54	20	9	12	11	3	1....
1873.....	27	12	34	31	25	13	13	7	8	2....
1874.....	10	14	26	32	9	5	10	3	6	2....
Total.....	177	116	258	346	168	119	105	69	56	14 1

From the first of these Tables we find that, in 1874, the number of deaths from Typhoid Fever was smaller than in any year since 1869, and the percentage of the entire mortality smaller than in either of the last ten years. While there was a slight increase in the deaths in Providence City, there is a marked diminution in the towns of Providence county, and also in Washington county. We also observe a marked diminution in the number of deaths in the periods of life from 30 to 60.

Looking at the total for ten years, we find that the deaths among females are slightly larger than among males, and there is a decided majority in the deaths of American parentage. Of all the deaths for ten years, 36 per cent. occurred in the towns of Providence county, and 34 per cent. in the City of Providence. Of all the deaths in ten years, 42 per cent. were between the ages of 15 and 30.

We present, in conclusion, some comparisons between the relative mortality of the different diseases, to which our attention has been turned in the last few pages.

The following Table presents the percentage of the *entire mortality* from the given diseases, for each of the last ten years, and for the aggregate.

DISEASES.	1874.	1873.	1872.	1871.	1870.	1869.	1868.	1867.	1866.	1865.	Ten years.
Consumption.....	12.5	13.2	14.1	15.8	17.7	16.2	17.6	19.3	17.6	16.1	15.7
Pneumonia.....	5.9	5.3	5.4	6.5	5.6	5.6	6.6	5.9	6.5	5.1	5.8
Typhoid Fever.....	2.8	3.9	4.2	3.7	4.7	3.0	2.9	4.1	5.0	6.4	4.1
Diseases of the Heart....	5.1	4.3	4.4	4.3	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.9	2.9	4.1
Apoplexy and Paralysis.	3.7	3.0	3.6	4.7	4.3	3.4	3.8	4.3	3.0	2.9	3.5

It is evident from this comparison that the percentage of the first three diseases, in 1874, falls below the aggregate of ten years, and especially is this true of Consumption and Typhoid Fever. The Diseases of the Heart and Apoplexy and Paralysis show a percentage higher than the aggregate. Typhoid Fever, which has ranked third in the aggregate for ten years, was, in 1874, the fifth on the list.

Finally, we present, for the first time, a Table showing the proportionate mortality to each 1,000 of the population, according to the census of 1875, in each division of the State, from all causes, and from the diseases which we have considered, for the year 1874.

DEATHS TO EACH 1,000 OF THE POPULATION, 1874.

DISEASES.	Whole State.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County, Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.
All Diseases.....	16.49	14.70	13.22	10.87	15.34	19.79	13.76
Consumption.....	2.05	1.63	1.57	1.19	1.06	2.63	2.24
Scarlatina	1.79	2.45	0.84	0.05	1.58	2.66	0.79
Cholera Infantum.....	1.03	0.36	0.59	0.23	1.00	1.33	0.95
Pneumonia.....	0.97	0.54	0.64	0.32	0.87	1.35	0.74
Diseases of the Heart.....	0.83	0.54	0.29	1.28	0.59	1.05	0.90
Apoplexy and Paralysis.....	0.64	1.27	0.49	0.73	0.50	0.59	0.75
Typhoid Fever.....	0.45	0.09	0.49	0.14	0.43	0.57	0.40

We see from this Table, in the first place, that the death-rate of the State was unusually small, and then that the smallest death-rate occurred in Newport county. In the City of Newport the death-rate for the year was but 9.91 per 1,000 of the inhabitants.

As might be expected, the largest death-rate occurred in the City of Providence, although it is far below that of many cities, some larger and others smaller than our own. The contrast between Bristol and Newport counties is quite marked, and the greater mortality of the former is perhaps due to the larger element of the manufacturing class that enters into its population.

In all the diseases mentioned, we find the highest rate of mortality in the City of Providence, with the exceptions of Diseases of the Heart and Apoplexy and Paralysis. In the former, Newport county, and in the latter diseases, Bristol county, show the largest rates. The fatality of the epidemic of Scarlatina, to which we have referred, becomes apparent when we see that its death-rate in the City of Providence was nearly that of Consumption, and in Bristol county exceeded that of the latter disease. In the mortality from Consumption we are surprised to find the thickly settled towns of Providence county presenting the smallest death-rate, and the agricultural district of Washington county coming next to the City of Providence. Typhoid Fever, we observe, has the highest death-rate, next to the City of Providence, in Kent county, and then in the towns of Providence county.

We cannot pursue the various lines of comparison that the above Table presents. It is from such a bringing together of the relative rates of mortality, that we can alone arrive at true ideas of the fatal influences of different diseases upon communities, and such an exhibition will often overturn many preconceived and apparently well-grounded theories.

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PROVIDENCE, October 9th, 1875.

APPENDIX.

The Registration Law of Rhode Island.

GENERAL STATUTES, CHAPTER 77, PAGE 180.

SECTION 1. (As amended June 3, 1875.) The town clerks of the several towns, or in lieu thereof, any person whom the board of aldermen of any city, or the town council of any town, may appoint for that purpose, are hereby authorized and required to obtain, chronologically record and index, as required by the forms prescribed by the third section of this chapter, all information concerning births, marriages and deaths, occurring among the inhabitants of their respective towns; and on or before the first Monday of March, annually, to make duly certified returns thereof to the Secretary of State, for each year ending on the thirty-first day of December, accompanying the same with a list of those individuals required by law to make returns to him, who have neglected the same, and with such remarks relating to the object of the law as they may deem important to communicate.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of State shall receive the returns made in pursuance of the preceding section, and annually, with such assistance as shall be rendered by any authorized committee of the Rhode Island Medical Society, make and publish, not exceeding one thousand copies, a general abstract and report thereof, in form as prescribed by section third of this chapter. He shall also cause said returns to be arranged, full alphabetical indices of all the names to be made, the whole to be bound in convenient sized volumes, and carefully preserved in his office, for which he shall receive the sum of fifty dollars.

SEC. 3. The blank forms required to carry out the provisions of this chapter, shall, on application, be furnished by the Secretary of State, to clergymen, physicians, undertakers, town clerks, clerks of the Society of Friends, and other persons requiring them, substantially after the following forms, viz : The record of a *birth* shall state the date and place of birth, name and sex of the

child, whether living or still-born, the name and surname, color, occupation, residence and birth-place of the parents, and the time of recording, so far as the same can be ascertained. The record of a *marriage* shall state the date of the marriage, place, name, residence, and official station of the person by whom married, names and surnames of the parties, age, color, occupation, and residence of each, condition, (whether single or widowed,) what marriage, if second, third, or other marriage, the occupation, birth-place and names of their parents, and the time of recording, so far as the same can be ascertained. The record of *deaths* shall state the date of death, name and surname of deceased, the sex, color and condition, (single or married,) age, occupation, place of death, place of birth, names and birth-place of parents, disease or cause of death, and the time of recording, so far as can be ascertained.

OF MARRIAGES.

SEC. 4. Every Society of Friends, clergymen, and all others authorized to join persons in marriage, shall make a faithful record of every such rite performed by them, in manner and form aforesaid, and return the same on or before the second Monday of every month, for the last preceding month, to the clerk of the town in which such rite shall have been performed; and no marriage shall be solemnized, until the parties shall have signed, and delivered to the authority about to solemnize it, or to the clerk of a Society of Friends, a certificate containing the information required for the record of a marriage, as prescribed in the third section of this chapter.

OF BIRTHS.

SEC. 5. The clerk of every town shall, annually, in the month of January, collect the facts required by section third of this chapter, in relation to all children born in the town during the year ending the thirty-first day of December next preceding; and for each full report of a birth so obtained, the clerk shall receive ten cents, to be paid by the town in which the birth is recorded.

OF DEATHS.

SEC. 6. (As amended June 3, 1875.) Whenever any person shall die, or any still-born child shall be brought forth, in this State, it shall be the duty of the physician attending at such bringing forth or last sickness, if any physician so attended, within forty-eight hours after such death or bringing forth, to leave with the family, if any, or person having the care of the deceased, or the person bringing forth such still-born child, or to give to the undertaker or person who conducts the funeral, a certificate stating, in case of a death, the name of the deceased, the date of the death, and the disease or cause of the death, and in case of the bringing forth of a still-born child, the date and the cause of such child being brought forth still-born.

OF UNDERTAKERS.

SEC. 7. There may be appointed by the town authorities of every town, a sufficient number of persons to act as undertakers, removable at the pleasure of the authorities.

SEC. 8. (As amended June 3, 1875.) The undertaker, or the person who shall conduct a funeral, or who shall bury or deposit in a tomb, or who shall remove from this State or otherwise dispose of the remains of any deceased person or still born child, shall first obtain the physician's certificate required by section 6 of this chapter, if a physician was in attendance upon such person who has deceased, or the person bringing forth such still-born child, and shall return the same, together with his own certificate of the facts required by section 3, as hereby amended, on or before the second Monday of the next succeeding month to the clerk of the town where such death or bringing forth took place.

SEC. 9. Any town may enact municipal laws, more effectually to attain the objects herein contemplated: *Provided*, they do not conflict with the main and specific object of this act, viz: to secure the most perfect registration.

OF FEES.

SEC. 10. (As amended June 3, 1875.) The town clerks or persons appointed as aforesaid shall receive for each record of a death, made and returned as required by law, and for each record of a marriage, made and returned as required by law, twenty cents; to be paid to them out of their respective town treasuries: *Provided*, that the yearly compensation to be paid out of the town treasury, as aforesaid, to any one town clerk or person appointed as aforesaid, who shall faithfully perform the duties prescribed by this chapter, shall not be less than five dollars. Undertakers and others making returns of deaths as required in section eight of this chapter, shall receive for each full report of a death made to the town clerk, five cents in the cities of Providence or Newport, and ten cents in the other towns of the State.

SEC. 11. If any clergyman, physician, undertaker, town clerk, clerk of any meeting of the Society of Friends, or other persons, shall willfully neglect or refuse to perform any of the duties imposed on, or required of him, by this chapter, he shall, at the discretion of the court or justice trying the cause, be fined not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence; one-half thereof to the use of the town in which the offence shall occur, the other half to the use of the person who shall complain of the same.

SEC. 12. In order that it may be more surely ascertained that no clergyman, physician, coroner, undertaker, or clerk of the Society of Friends, neglects to make the returns specified in this chapter, each of the said parties shall cause his name and residence to be recorded in the clerk's office of the town where he resides.

SEC. 13. No letters of administration or letters testamentary shall be granted by any court of probate, upon the effects or estate of any person until the death of such person, or the facts from which the same is presumed, shall be duly certified as near as may be, to the town clerk, in order that the same may be duly registered according to the provisions of this chapter.

SEC. 14. (As amended June 3, 1875.) The person appointed as provided in section one of this chapter, shall be entitled to have the custody of all records of births, deaths or marriages of the town or city for which he is appointed, whether made under the statute now in force, or any former statute, and a certificate signed by him as town or city registrar, certifying that any written or printed statement of any marriage, birth or death is a true copy of the record in his custody, shall be admitted as *prima facie* proof of such marriage, birth or death.

SEC. 15. Births, marriages, and deaths of non-residents shall be distinguished from those of residents, in the returns, by being arranged separately.

SEC. 16. The Secretary of State may, from time to time, vary the forms of returns, and require such additional information as he may consider necessary to effect the object of this chapter.

SEC. 17. The sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, annually, to be drawn for by the Secretary of State, is appropriated out of the general treasury, to defray the expense incident to examining, collecting and arranging the registration returns, making the necessary tables, and drawing up the report required by the second section of this chapter.

SEC. 18. The town clerks, or other officers appointed under this chapter, to collect, record and return the births in the several towns, shall receive fees therefor as follows: For collecting the facts required in relation to births fifteen cents each. For making record and return of these facts, as required by law, twenty cents each for the first fifty entries, in each calendar year, and ten cents for each subsequent entry and return.

CHAPTER 360.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 187 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, "OF THE CLERKS OF THE SUPREME COURT AND COURT OF COMMON PLEAS."

(Passed March 24, 1874.)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the clerks of the Supreme Court, in the several counties, on or before the first day of March, in each and every year, to make returns to the Secretary of State for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December preceding, of all the applications for divorce, showing the number, the number granted, and the causes which are given for the application, but without the names of the parties, in accordance with the blanks which shall be furnished them by the Secretary of State, and like returns shall be made on or before the first day of August next, for the years 1872 and 1873.

